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'FITBIT MURDER' TRIAL

Dabate guilty in wife's death

Jury took less than day to return its verdict in 2015 murder; judge increases bond to \$5 million

By **Taylor Hartz**
Hartford Courant

A jury has found Richard Dabate guilty on all charges in connection to the 2015 murder of his wife Connie Dabate and the subsequent

staging of a bloody home invasion. The jury deliberated for only a few hours and returned their verdict less than 24 hours after attorneys for both sides argued their cases. They found Dabate guilty on all charges: murder,

lying to police and tampering with evidence. Family members on both sides, who were once knitted together by Connie and Richard Dabate's marriage, were holding back tears when the word "guilty" rang out three times. Connie Dabate's family, who packed the courtroom, reached out to comfort one another. Dabate's

defense lawyer, Trent LaLima, placed his hand on his client's shoulder in a show of support. Dabate was led away in handcuffs after Judge Corinne L. Klatt increased his bond to \$5 million, up from the \$1 million bond that has allowed him his freedom for years as he awaited trial. With their hands clasped tightly in unison, the family

of Connie Dabate — formerly Connie Margotta — stood outside the courthouse on Tuesday and talked about the loss they suffered six years ago and the justice they felt Tuesday. "There will be no closure for the Margotta family, but there is finally justice for Connie," said Wayne **Turn to Dabate, Page 2**



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FUTURE OF ROE V. WADE

'A SAFE HARBOR'

Gov. Ned Lamont, above, receives a pen from Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and signs into law Connecticut's new abortion bill Tuesday, protecting both medical providers and out-of-state patients who receive abortions in Connecticut from lawsuits. The law also expands who is able to provide abortion care in the state. Bysiewicz, at left, speaking at the signing ceremony for the first-in-the-nation law, says Connecticut is "a safe harbor" for women in states where abortion is limited or outlawed.

Carman

indicted in family deaths

Feds say man killed mother, grandfather to boost inheritance

By **Edmund H. Mahony**
Hartford Courant

Nathan Carman, who was rescued at sea after what he called a freak boating accident in 2016 that took his mother's life, was accused by federal authorities in Vermont on Tuesday with killing her and his grandfather in a cold-blooded scheme to increase his share of a family inheritance. The U.S. Attorney's office in Vermont released an indictment that charges Carman had been scheming since 2012 to increase his share of the fortune his grandfather, John Chakalos, intended to leave to his daughters and their designees upon his death. Chakalos was a nursing home developer who had homes in Windsor and Chesterfield, N.H. The indictment accuses Carman, 28, of shooting his grandfather to death as he slept in his home in Windsor on Dec. 20, 2013, after persuading his grandfather to put hundreds of thousands of dollars in two bank accounts in his name. After John Chakalos was

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Court rules against bistro shuttered amid pandemic

Owners fought to not pay \$200K over lease

By **Edmund H. Mahony**
Hartford Courant

The state Supreme Court ruled against the owners of a high-end Norwalk bistro who argued they should not have to pay \$200,000 for breaking their lease because they were effectively closed down by Gov. Ned Lamont's emergency pandemic orders restricting bar and restaurant operations. The owners of the former Blackstone's Bistro claimed the executive orders so frustrated their business operations

that it was impossible for them to generate enough profit to make monthly rent payments in excess of \$12,500. They argued that Lamont's orders effectively invalidated their lease and they shouldn't be forced to pay damages for breaking it. In a unanimous decision written by Chief Justice Richard Robinson, the court said the legal language of the lease and executive orders did not preclude the restaurant from making money in some fashion — such as selling take-out orders — regardless of how difficult it might be to attract take-out customers for meals that cost from \$100 to \$200. **Turn to Bistro, Page 3**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia steps up attacks on key port

By **Elena Becatoros** and **Jon Gambrell**
Associated Press

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — Russia pummeled the vital port of Odesa, Ukrainian officials said Tuesday, in an apparent effort to disrupt supply lines and Western weapons shipments as Ukraine's foreign minister appeared to suggest the country could expand its war aims. With the war in its 11th week and Kyiv bogging down Russian forces and even staging a counteroffensive, Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba seemed to indicate that the country could go merely beyond pushing Russia back to



Rescue workers make their way through debris that damaged cars Tuesday at a shopping center that was destroyed by a Russian missile strike in the Black Sea city of Odesa. Ukraine said seven missiles hit the city. **OLEKSANDR GIMANOV/GETTY-AFP**

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Rioux, a longtime friend and neighbor of the family who spoke on their behalf.

Connie’s mother, siblings and family friends wore yellow ribbons on their lapels — honoring Connie’s favorite color — affixed with bright sunflowers in stark contrast to the sorrow they endured.

“The pain of Connie’s loss and the length of this trial has been especially hurtful to the family. Connie is no longer here for family gatherings, holidays, for her children’s milestones,” said Rioux. “Connie was essentially sentenced to death, while this convicted murderer has been living his life while out on parole for six and a half years.”

Connie Dabate’s older brother, Keith Margotta, stepped forward to talk about his sister. He said hearing the verdict — especially so quickly — was a relief but was traumatic. He said he was in shock and “felt like he was going to hit the floor” when he heard that the jury had made their decision so quickly.

“I didn’t think it would happen this soon, it’s a weight lifted off my shoulders,” he said. “Everything kind of hits home, everything we went through and tried to put behind us six years ago, is right in front of us right now.”

State’s Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky, who argued the case, said that while technology, such as Connie Dabate’s Fitbit data, helped them prove Dabate guilty, Connie Dabate’s murder was a striking example of domestic violence.

“The thorough and thoughtful examination of technology was key to this investigation and was significant in proving that the defendant was guilty of this crime,” said Gedansky in a statement on Tuesday evening.

“In the end, though, this was another case of domestic violence. And though

much progress has been made in recent years to support victims and survivors and to hold abusers accountable, these domestic violence homicides are still happening so we must continue to work together to end domestic violence.”

A defeated LaLima also spoke outside the courthouse on Tuesday afternoon, less than an hour after the verdict was delivered, and said he was “very disappointed.”

“I think we put on a very strong case for Rick as to why he was not guilty of this offense,” he said.

When asked how Dabate was feeling after being convicted, LaLima said, “he knows we’re going to be back and keep fighting, so he’s ready for it.”

Dabate’s defense team said they will appeal the conviction.

After five weeks of testimony attorneys for each side delivered lengthy and impassioned closing arguments in Rockville Superior Court on Monday.

The prosecution painted a picture of a man plagued by the pressure of an unplanned pregnancy who planned to kill his wife.

The defense argued a botched police investigation that was prejudicial toward their client and asked the jury to consider the veracity of 2015 technology — like Connie Dabate’s Fitbit — and to place weight on a house cleaner’s testimony that she may have seen a large, green figure rush by a window while she was dusting the day of the murder.

On Monday, the jury asked to review Connie Dabate’s autopsy report and gunshot residue reports — which the judge said were in evidence and would be flagged for the jury via sticky note — and to re-listen to testimony about DNA testing and Dabate’s statement to police in the hospital the day of the murder. More than 600 pieces of evidence were introduced during the trial.

For hours on Tuesday, jurors returned to the court-



Family members of Connie Dabate, including her mother and siblings, gather outside Rockville Superior Court on Tuesday after a jury found Richard Dabate guilty of her 2015 murder. TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT

room to hear testimony about that DNA evidence. After hearing only part of the testimony, they went back to deliberate for only about 30 minutes before returning with their verdict.

Connie Dabate, Richard Dabate’s wife and the mother of his two young sons, was found shot to death in their Ellington home just two days before Christmas in 2015.

Gedansky told the jury that Dabate’s seemingly perfect life — large homes, vacations and his family-man image paired with a doting wife — was a lie that was about to unravel. A woman named Sara Ganzer with whom he was having an affair was pregnant and due to give birth to their child in February.

Gedansky said Dabate’s carefully curated life was “coming to an end in a crash, a loud crash. And he couldn’t stop it.”

His solution, Gedansky said, was to bring his marriage to an end with two bullets fired by an intruder the state says never existed.

Throughout the trial, Dabate stuck to his story that he came home that morning after realizing on his way to work that he’d left his laptop at home. When he got home,

he told the jury that he heard a noise upstairs.

When he went upstairs, he says he was met by a masked man much larger than him who was wearing a hunting-style suit and had a voice like Vin Diesel. The man robbed him, then chased his wife into the basement where he shot her before zip tying him to a metal folding chair, stabbing him in the legs, setting a pile of papers on fire and fleeing on foot.

Gedansky repeatedly poked holes in his story, pointing out repeated changes in his timeline of events and bringing forth forensic evidence from cell-phone GPS data and Connie Dabate’s hip-worn Fitbit that negated his story.

In his closing argument, LaLima said the investigation of the case was mishandled. That key locations of interest weren’t investigated and that not enough DNA evidence was collected. He said that he thinks police picked Dabate as their suspect and then molded their investigation around making him look guilty.

“Police made up their mind. They already know what they need to prove, they’re working backwards from there.”

The prosecutor said the investigation was as thorough as could be.

“Every stone was unturned. Every ‘T’ was crossed. Every ‘I’ was dotted,” he said.

Dabate’s lawyer also laid out a six-minute timeline after the moment Dabate allegedly triggered the panic alarm, asking the jury whether it would have been possible for Dabate to, in that brief time, stage such an elaborate crime scene.

Gedansky said that Dabate had been plotting the events of that day for months, including his purchase of a second gun, the gun that killed Connie, that the state says she didn’t know about. The plot, he said, stemmed from his inability to decide between his mistress and his marriage.

Dabate testified that he told his wife about his affair, but Gedansky said that investigators, who combed through messages between the couple and messages between Connie and her family and friends, found no evidence of that.

They did, however, find evidence of her plans to leave him. A list in her phone’s notes apps and an email sent to herself that listed some causes for

divorce. Infidelity was not among them.

Gedansky said that instead, Connie Dabate was “getting fed up” with her husband and was running out of patience with his lies and what he called a “lack of love and support.”

LaLima also brought into question the accuracy of technology the state relied on to build at least parts of their case, saying that Fitbits and cellphones are not designed with exact accuracy for court testimony in mind but rather to sell “a new Fitbit, a Fitbit 2.0, a year later at Dick’s Sporting Goods.” He asked the jury whether their smart phone causes them to miss a text, or if their GPS tells them they’re a street away from where they actually are. Then he asked them to consider the reliability of such devices back in 2015.

LaLima leaned one of the defense’s four witnesses’ testimony — an account from a house cleaner that she thought she may have seen a large green figure pass by the window, but it may have been a deer or reflection. He argued that, if like Dabate said, the intruder was wearing a mask, she wouldn’t have seen a face but said that he’d “never seen a green deer.”

Gedansky addressed the weight of that witnesses testimony in his rebuttal, pointing out evidence that the window the cleaner was dusting at the time had a UV filter on it that may have distorted her view.

Connie Dabate’s family thanked the jurors, who Rioux noted were tasked with reviewing “mountains of evidence,” along with investigators, the state’s attorney’s office and the many witnesses who took the stand for all their work.

They said they hope Dabate will be sentenced “to life behind bars so he can no longer hurt anyone like he did the Margotta family.”

Dabate will return to court on Sept. 16 following a pre-sentence investigation.

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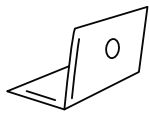
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“First, and most significant, as the trial court found, even under the most restrictive executive orders, use of the premises for restaurant purposes was not rendered factually impossible insofar as restaurants were permitted to provide curbside or takeout service, and the lease agreement did not prohibit curbside or takeout service,” the court said. On the question of the enforceability of the lease, the court affirmed the ruling of the Superior Court, which concluded after a one-day trial, that the lease did not require the restaurant owners “to operate a profitable bar/restaurant, just a bar/

restaurant. Certainly, fine dining as takeout is a difficult sell, but not illegal [or] impossible.” The Supreme Court did disagree with the way the lower court calculated the \$200,308.76 it said the restaurant owners owed their landlord in damages for missed rent payments and breach of their lease. It sent the case back for recalculation. The Bistro had been open a year when the operators were late on rent payments for the first three months of 2020 — something they attributed to a seasonable slump in business. The landlord told Blackstones it was in default of its lease on March 11. A day earlier Lamont issued an emergency public health declaration

as a result of the COVID 19 outbreak and followed it with a succession of executive orders closing or limiting restaurant and bar businesses. On March 16, the governor closed bars and restaurants in Connecticut to in-person business through April 30 and later extended the ban to May 20. On May 18, he allowed restaurants to offer outdoor dining and on premises alcohol consumption. He allowed restaurants to resume providing indoor dining at 50% capacity on June 16. The Bistro was closed completely from March 11 to May 28 and the owners failed to pay rent during that period. Its lease did not prohibit takeout or delivery food,

but one of the owners testified at the trial that it wasn’t profitable. Blackstones reopened for indoor dining during the summer of 2020, but that proved unprofitable too, according to court records. The government-imposed 9-foot social distancing requirement reduced bistro capacity from 140 patrons to a maximum of about 25 people, including staff. The Bistro closed and vacated its building in September 2020, three months after being asked to do so by the landlord. The landlord signed a lease with a new restaurant in November, which charged the new operators a less expensive rent and gave them the first six months rent free.

New Haven police chief will retire following judge’s order

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — New Haven’s acting police chief announced Tuesday that she will retire following a judge’s order for her to resign because she has held the interim job too long according to the city charter. Renee Dominguez said her last day on the job will be Friday, ending a two-decade career with the department. Also Tuesday, Mayor Justin Elicker named Regina Rush-Kittle, the city’s chief administrative officer, as the new interim police chief as the city searches for a permanent chief. Rush-Kittle is a former state public safety deputy commissioner who served with state police for

28 years. Dominguez became acting chief after the retirement of Otoniel Reyes last June. She had been on track to become the first woman to permanently lead the New Haven Police Department, having been nominated by Elicker. But in December, the city’s Board of Alders rejected the nomination after some residents raised concerns about increasing violent crime in the city and low diversity in the department. Last month, a judge ruled Dominguez must step down because the city charter prohibits acting city officials from holding the temporary jobs for more than six months. Elicker disagreed with the decision.

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killed, Carman received about \$550,000 — \$150,000 from a college fund account and another \$400,000 from an account that named he and his mother Linda Carman as beneficiaries. Carman moved to Vermont and by 2016, he had spent most of the money and was low on funds, according to the indictment. In September 2016, Nathan Carman arranged to go on an offshore tuna fishing trip with his mother on a boat he had bought and called the Chicken Pox. “He also planned how he would report the sinking of the Chicken Pox and his mother’s disappearance at sea as accidents,” the indictment charges. Prior to the trip, Nathan Carman told his mother that they would be fishing near Block Island. They left from Ram Point Marina in South Kingstown, R.I., a little after 11 a.m. Sept. 17, 2016. Linda Carman believed that she would be returning home by noon the next day, according to a float plan she left with friends. The indictment charges that before leaving the marina with his mother, Carman altered the boat in a way that would make it easier to sink — he allegedly removed two forward bulkheads and the trim tabs from the stern, leaving holes in the hull close to the waterline. Carman is accused of sinking the Chicken Pox off eastern Long Island on Sept. 18. When the boat failed to return, the U.S. Coast Guard launched an exhaustive search, which continued for eight days, until the crew of the freighter Orient Lucky spotted Carman drifting in



Federal agents execute a search warrant at Nathan Carman’s residence in Vernon, Vermont, after he was arrested and charged with the murders of his grandfather and mother on Tuesday. KRISTOPHER RADDER/AP

a life raft off Martha’s Vineyard. Members of Carman’s extended family have long suspected him in the death of his grandfather. Chakalos, who ran his business from Windsor, made tens of millions of dollars building and renting nursing homes and through other real estate ventures. He had created a variety of trusts for the benefit of his four daughters, including Carman’s mother, Linda Carman. The daughters were empowered to name beneficiaries to their trusts upon Chakalos’ death, according to the indictment that was unsealed Tuesday. Federal prosecutors said Carman, as early as 2012 and ’13 was questioning his grandfather’s financial

adviser about the operation of the trusts and what he could expect to get from them. He also began spending what the indictment called “significant time” with this grandfather. At that point, Chakalos persuaded his daughter Linda Carman to designate Carman as the beneficiary of her trust. Those who know Carman have described him as aloof or standoffish. The indictment said that by 2012 his mother’s “principal way of interacting with her son” was by spending time fishing with him. Carman bought the Chicken Pox and insured it. After his mother’s disappearance at sea and his rescue, Carman filed an \$85,000 insurance claim

over the loss of the Chicken Pox. The insurance case eventually ended up in federal court in Rhode Island and was rejected because of the unsafe alterations Carman made to the boat — but not before he was called as a witness and questioned about the circumstances of the sinking and what, if anything he did, to save his mother after he admitted climbing into a life raft without her. “I know when I got into the life raft I was yelling out: ‘Mom, mom, mom,’ making sure to pause, if she was yelling out, I’d be able to hear her,” Carman testified. “I was standing on the raft trying to see her on the surface ... there was swell but I do think I would be able to see her.”

Carman said he thought maybe his mother hit her head or was dragged under the water by equipment. He said he never dove into the water to look for her, believing his perch aboard the life raft would give him the best view. In addition to two deaths, the indictment charges that over a period of years, Carman engaged in a cover-up and insurance fraud. “As part of his cover-up, Nathan Carman misrepresented his involvement in and responsibility for those deaths to law enforcement, to his family, to others who made inquiries about the deaths and their circumstances, and to others who challenged his cover-up or challenged his rights to

his grandfather’s assets,” according to the indictment. Carman is accused of buying the rifle he allegedly used to kill his grandfather in New Hampshire and driving to Connecticut, where he allegedly shot him twice. Afterwards, he is accused of disposing of his computer hard drive and global positioning devices to thwart any law enforcement effort to track him. He is accused of removing his computer from his home before taking his mother on their final fishing trip for the same reason. If convicted of murder on the high seas, Carman faces mandatory life imprisonment. The fraud charges each carry a potential penalty of up to 30 years of imprisonment.

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areas it or its allies held on the day of the Feb. 24 invasion. The idea reflected Ukraine’s ability to stymie a larger, better-armed Russian military, which has surprised many who had anticipated a much quicker end to the conflict. One of the most dramatic examples of Ukraine’s ability to prevent easy victories is in Mariupol, where Ukrainian fighters remained holed up at a steel plant, denying Russia’s full control of the city. The regiment defending the plant said Russian warplanes continued bombing it. In recent days, the United Nations and Red Cross organized a rescue of what

some officials said were the last civilians trapped at the plant. But two officials said Tuesday that about 100 civilians were believed to still be in the complex’s underground tunnels. Others said that was impossible to confirm. In another example of the grisly toll of the war, Ukrainian officials said they found the bodies of 44 civilians in the rubble of a building destroyed weeks ago in the northeastern city of Izyum. New U.N. figures, meanwhile, said that 14 million Ukrainians were forced from their homes by the end of April, including more than 5.9 million who have left the country. In Washington, a top U.S. intelligence official testified Tuesday that eight to 10 Russian generals have

been killed in the war. Lt. Gen. Scott Berrier, who leads the Defense Intelligence Agency, told a Senate committee that because Russia lacks a noncommissioned officer corps, its generals have to go into combat zones and end up in dangerous positions. Ukraine said Russian forces fired seven missiles Monday at Odesa, hitting a shopping center and a warehouse in the country’s largest port. One person was killed and five wounded, the military said. Images showed a burning building and debris including a tennis shoe in a heap of destruction in the city on the Black Sea. Mayor Gennady Trukhanov later visited the warehouse and said it “had nothing in common with military infrastructure or

military objects.” Ukraine alleged at least some of the munitions used dated to the Soviet era, making them unreliable in targeting. Ukrainian, British and U.S. officials say Russia is rapidly using up its stock of precision weapons, raising the risk of more imprecise rockets being used as the conflict grinds on. Since President Vladimir Putin’s forces failed to take Kyiv early in the war, his focus has shifted to the eastern industrial heartland of the Donbas but one general has suggested Moscow’s aims also include cutting Ukraine’s maritime access to both the Black and Azov seas. That would also give it a swath of territory linking Russia to both the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized in 2014, and Transnistria, a pro-Moscow region of

Moldova. Even if it falls short of severing Ukraine from the coast — and it appears to lack the forces to do so — continuing missile strikes on Odesa reflect the city’s strategic importance. The Russian military has repeatedly targeted its airport and claimed it destroyed several batches of Western weapons. Odesa is also a major gateway for grain shipments, and its blockade by Russia already threatens global food supplies. Beyond that, the city is a cultural jewel, dear to Ukrainians and Russians alike, and targeting it carries symbolic significance as well. In Mariupol, Russians also bombed the Azovstal steel mill, the Azov regiment said, targeting the sprawling complex 34 times in the past 24 hours.

Attempts to storm the plant also continued, it said. Petro Andryushchenko, an adviser to Mariupol’s mayor, estimated on social media that at least 100 civilians are trapped in the plant. Donetsk regional Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said those who remain are people “that the Russians have not selected” for evacuation. With Russian forces struggling to gain ground in the Donbas, military analysts suggest that hitting Odesa might serve to stoke concern about southwestern Ukraine, thus forcing Kyiv to put more forces there. That would pull them away from the eastern front as Ukraine’s military stages counteroffensives near the northeastern city of Kharkiv, aiming to push the Russians back across the border there.





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Biden elevates ‘ultra-MAGA’ taunt

President takes aim at GOP, seeks to motivate base

By Zeke Miller, Chris Megerian and Josh Boak
Associated Press

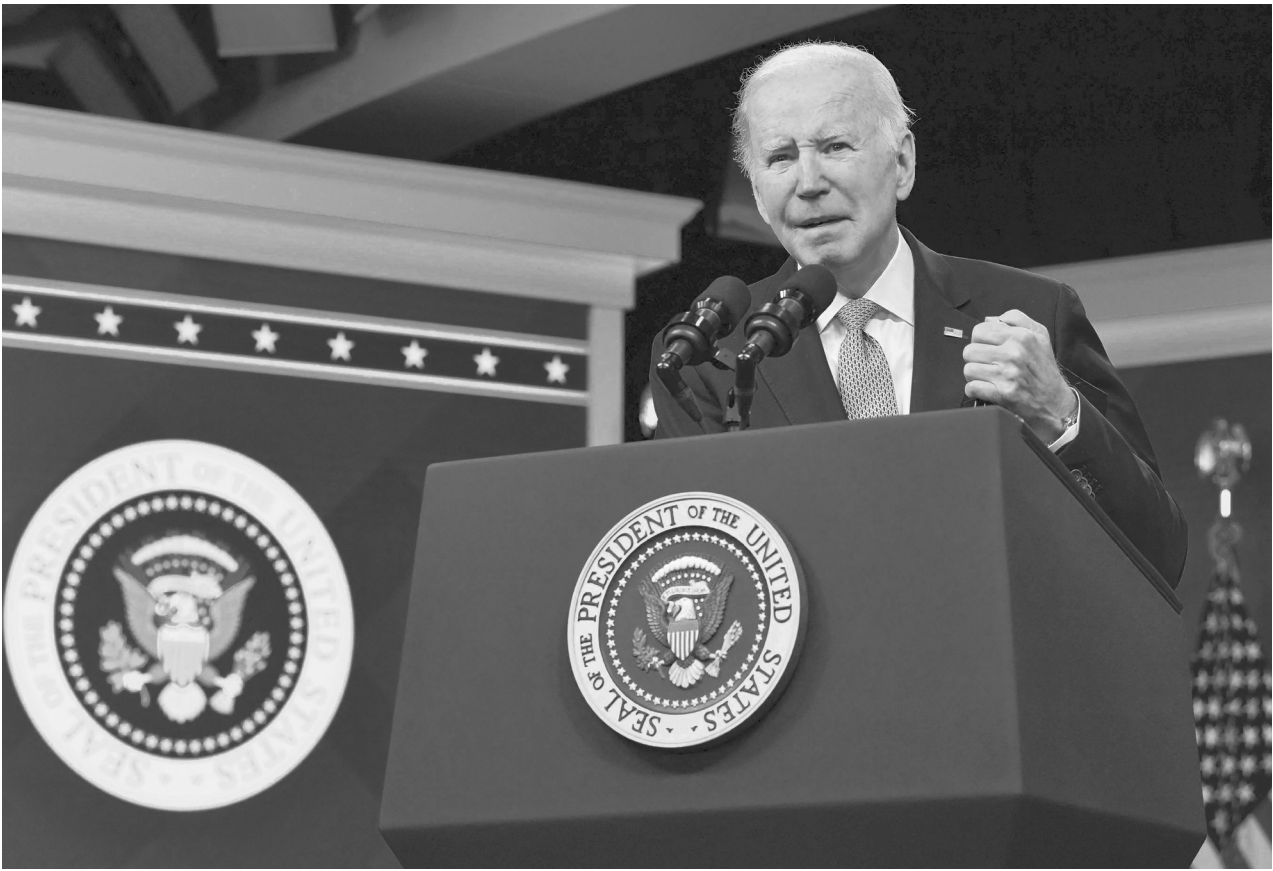
WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday warned voters unhappy with soaring inflation and his stalled domestic agenda against turning power over to “ultra-MAGA” Republicans in the midterm elections as he increasingly tries to cast former President Donald Trump and his adherents as a political foil.

Speaking at the White House less than six months before the elections, Biden acknowledged that he could “taste” the country’s dissatisfaction with Washington, particularly over rising prices, but he sought to channel the anger against the GOP.

“Look, I know you’ve got to be frustrated,” he said. “I know, I can taste it. Frustrated by high prices, by gridlock in Congress, by the time it takes to get anything done.”

“The MAGA Republicans are counting on you to be as frustrated by the pace of progress, which they’ve done everything they can to slow down, that you will hand power over to them ... so they can enact their extreme agenda,” Biden said.

Biden’s branding of his opposition as “ultra-MAGA Republicans” — a reference to Trump’s “Make America Great Again” campaign slogan — has emerged as a White House trope in recent weeks as the White House hopes for a pre-midterms reset for Democrats.



President Joe Biden focuses on inflation and his fellow Democrats’ differences with the Republican Party on Tuesday during a speech in the South Court Auditorium of the White House. **NICHOLAS KAMM/GETTY-APF**

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday that “it’s the president’s phrase.”

It is a message seemingly aimed at the listless and divided base of Biden’s own party, as Democrats struggle to keep their voters motivated, as well as at some moderate voters who still recoil at the memory of Trump’s tumultuous tenure in office.

“Look, I think Biden needs to motivate his base ahead of the midterms. And nothing motivates Democrats like voting against Trump,” said GOP strategist Alex Conant. “Trump’s not on the ballot this fall.

But Biden is going to try to convince voters that he is.” Biden, Conant argued, has little choice.

“They’re not going to run on his record. They’re not going to make big, bold policy promises,” he said, so that leaves villainizing the opponent “and the best way to do that is to tie him to Trump.”

For Democrats, who have unified control of Washington, running against the minority party is risky, as even Biden acknowledged that voters tend to blame those in control for the nation’s state of affairs.

But the White House believes Republicans have

thrown them a lifeline, in the form of Florida GOP Sen. Rick Scott’s 11-point plan, released in late February, that would impose a modest tax increase on many of the lowest-paid Americans, while opening the door for cutting Social Security and Medicare.

The plan, meant as a draft governing agenda for when the GOP retakes power, has been rejected by many Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. But that is not stopping Biden and Democrats from trying to tie Republicans to it more broadly. Scott is the chairman of the Senate Repub-

licans’ campaign arm and a member of Senate GOP leadership.

“That’s a plan in writing and he’s in the leadership,” Biden said.

Biden argued that the potential tax hikes would make it even harder for families struggling with inflation to afford food, housing and transportation, as prices rise at the fastest pace in four decades.

“I want every American to know that I’m taking inflation very seriously and it’s my top domestic priority,” Biden said.

Scott fired back in comments, calling on Biden to resign, and deeming him

“unfit” for the job.

“I have a plan. I mean, it’s real simple,” he told reporters. “I put out my ideas and how we need to rescue this country. He doesn’t have a plan. And you didn’t hear any ideas today. I mean, he says he was going to come up with his ideas and fix inflation.”

In recent days, the White House has extended the “ultra-MAGA” label to broader criticism of Republicans on other matters, including the push to overturn the constitutional right to an abortion established in the Roe v. Wade decision of the Supreme Court.

Speaking Monday night at a Democratic fundraiser, Biden tested out the “ultra-MAGA” messaging with donors, referencing Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis’ moves to restrict some textbooks from being used in the classroom and Scott’s plan to require regular congressional reauthorization of social safety net programs.

“This is not your father’s Republican Party,” Biden said. This is a MAGA party. This is the MAGA party. And the head of their Republican campaign committee, Senator Rick Scott, the Ultra-MAGA Agenda he put forward, he raises taxes on 70 million people who make well less than \$100,000.”

John Anzalone, a Democratic pollster who has worked for Biden, said it’s important to draw sharp contrasts with political opponents.”

“Whether you’re in a governor’s race in Michigan or you’re in a Senate race in New Hampshire, those contrasts become really important, because it’s good for voters to know what each side stands for,” he said.

Musk: Trump ban is over if Twitter deal successful

Suspension move was ‘morally bad,’ automaker asserts

By Matt O’Brien, Kelvin Chan and Tom Krisher
Associated Press

LONDON — Elon Musk said he will reverse Twitter’s permanent ban of former President Donald Trump should the Tesla CEO conclude his deal to acquire the social media company for \$44 billion.

Musk, speaking virtually at a Future of the Car summit hosted by the Financial Times, said Twitter’s Trump ban was a “morally bad decision” and “foolish in the extreme.” He said permanent bans of Twitter accounts should be rare and reserved for accounts that are scams or automated bots.

“I think that was a mistake because it alienated a large part of the country and did not ultimately result in Donald Trump not having a voice,” Musk said. “So I think this may end up being frankly worse than having a single forum where everyone can debate. I guess the answer is that I would reverse the permanent ban.”

Musk has repeatedly criticized Twitter’s content

moderation decisions, including the Trump ban, but had mostly avoided saying what he would do about Trump’s account until he was pressed for more details Tuesday by Peter Campbell, a Financial Times automotive correspondent. Twitter banned Trump’s account in January 2021 for “incitement of violence” following the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Trump has previously said that he had no intention of rejoining Twitter even if his account was reinstated, telling Fox News last month that he would instead focus on his own platform, Truth Social, which has been mired in problems since its launch earlier this year.

A Trump spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment in response to Musk’s remarks.

While Trump was president, his Twitter persona functioned as a mix of policy announcements, often out of the blue; complaints about the media; disparagement of women, minorities and his perceived enemies; and praise for his supporters, replete with exclamation marks, all-caps, and one-word declarations such as “Sad!”

He fired numerous officials on Twitter and his

posts, like his speeches at rallies, were a torrent of misinformation.

In announcing Trump’s ban, Twitter said Trump tweets amounted to glorification of violence when read in the context of the Capitol riot and plans circulating online for future armed protests around the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

Musk’s remarks raise questions about whether those banned besides Trump could also return. The long list of people banned from Twitter includes QAnon loyalists, COVID-19 deniers, neo-Nazis and former reality star Tila Tequila, who was suspended for hate speech.

Other Trump allies kicked off Twitter include Michael Flynn and Sidney Powell, Lin Wood and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., who was permanently banned in January for repeatedly spreading misinformation about COVID-19 and vaccine safety.

White supremacist Duke and the often violent Proud Boys organization have been banned, along with far-right trolls like one who goes by the name Baked Alaska, who promoted anti-Semitic tropes and faces charges stemming



Former President Donald Trump would be allowed to return to Twitter under Elon Musk’s ownership of the platform, the entrepreneur said Tuesday. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY**

from his involvement in the Jan. 6 attack.

Conspiracy theorists also have been eliminated. David Icke was kicked off the platform two years ago for spreading misinformation about COVID-19, including claims that Jews and 5G towers were behind the pandemic. Icke is a prominent advocate of the belief that a race of lizard people have taken over the Earth by posing as human leaders.

Alex Jones, the creator of Infowars, was permanently banned in 2018 for abusive behavior. Last year, Jones

lost a defamation case filed by the parents of children killed in the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut, school shooting over his repeated claims that the shooting was fake.

Twitter, Musk said Tuesday, currently has a strong bias to the left, largely because it is located in San Francisco. This alleged bias prevents it from building trust in the rest of the U.S. and the world, he said: “It’s far too random and I think Twitter needs to be much more even handed.” Twitter did not immediately respond to a request for comment on

Musk’s comments.

Earlier, Musk said he supported a new European Union law aimed at protecting social media users from harmful content after he met with the bloc’s single market chief.

The Digital Services Act, which is expected to get final approval later this year, will make big tech companies such as Twitter, Google and Facebook parent Meta police their platforms more strictly for illegal or harmful content like hate speech and disinformation or face billions in fines.



An unknown buyer purchased the 1964 painting “Shot Sage Blue Marilyn” by Andy Warhol for about \$195 million at auction on Monday at Christie’s in New York City. **TED SHAFREY/AP**

Warhol’s ‘Marilyn’ sells for \$195M to set record

By Robin Pogrebin
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Maybe the image is not racy, like the one of Marilyn Monroe with her dress flying up in the movie “The Seven Year Itch,” but on Monday night, it became the priciest.

In under 4 minutes of bidding, Andy Warhol’s 1964 silk screen of the actor’s face, “Shot Sage Blue Marilyn,” sold for about \$195 million to an unknown buyer at Christie’s, making it the

highest price achieved for any American work of art at auction.

The image shows Monroe in vibrant show-up hair yellow, eyeshadow blue and lips red on a rich blue background.

“We did sell the most expensive painting of the 20th century,” said Christie’s specialist Alex Rotter. “This is a big achievement.”

The 40-inch-square painting eclipsed the previous high price of \$110.5 million for a Jean-Michel

Basquiat skull painting at Sotheby’s in 2017 as well as Warhol’s auction high for a car crash painting that sold for \$105.4 million in 2013.

Monday’s sale kicked off a spring auction season in a city that has only begun to return to normal after two years of the coronavirus pandemic.

Christie’s salesroom at Rockefeller Center was filled with the familiar faces of dealers and art advisers who clearly welcomed the opportunity to bid on blue-

chip artworks in person again.

The buyer of the “Marilyn” will have a say in choosing to which charity 20% of the proceeds from that painting are allocated. The purchase is not considered a charitable donation, so it does not come with a tax deduction.

The Warhol painting, one of five in a series, is based on a promotional photo from Monroe’s film “Niagara,” part of a series of “Shot Marilyn” portraits.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Celebrity chef Batali found not guilty in sex misconduct trial

From news services

Mario Batali was found not guilty of indecent assault and battery on Tuesday, following a swift trial in which the celebrity chef waived his right to have a jury decide his fate.

The 61-year-old former Food Network personality quickly strode out of the courtroom with his lawyers without commenting on the case, which centered on allegations that he aggressively kissed and groped a Boston woman while taking a selfie at a bar in 2017.

In delivering the verdict, Boston Municipal Court Judge James Stanton agreed with Batali's lawyers that the accuser had credibility issues and that photos suggested the encounter was amicable.

"Pictures are worth a thousand words," he said.

But the judge also rebuked Batali while suggesting the former star of shows like "Molto Mario" and "Iron Chef America" has already paid "a high cost" in terms of his diminished reputation and financial losses.

"The defendant did not cover himself in glory on the night in question," Stanton said. "His conduct, his appearance and his demeanor were not befitting of a public person of his stature at that time."

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said he was disappointed in the verdict but grateful Batali's accuser had come forward.

Batali, who pleaded not guilty to indecent assault and battery in 2019, had faced up to 2½ years in jail and would've been required to register as a sex offender if convicted.

His accuser, who also exited the courtroom without speaking with reporters, had testified how she felt confused and powerless to do

anything to stop Batali.

But in his closing statements, Batali's lawyer Antony Fuller portrayed the 32-year-old Boston-area resident as an "admitted liar" who is financially motivated because she's filed a lawsuit seeking more than \$50,000 in damages.

"In her world, truth is a flexible concept," he said, referencing the woman's recent admission of attempting to avoid jury service by claiming to be clairvoyant, which was a focus of the two-day trial.

SKorea leader takes office: Yoon Suk Yeol, a conservative political neophyte, took office Tuesday as South Korea's new president with a vow to pursue a negotiated settlement of North Korea's threatening nuclear program and an offer of "an audacious plan" to improve its economy if it abandons its nuclear weapons.

Yoon is starting his single five-year term during one of the most challenging situations of any recent new president, facing a mix of significant security, economic and social problems that are besetting the world's 10th largest economy.

There's widespread skepticism that an increasingly belligerent North Korea will give his offers much consideration, and South Korea's deep political and social divides, as well as growing worry about the state of the pandemic-hit economy, are reflected in a recent poll showing that Yoon faces lower popularity numbers than departing President Moon Jae-in.

Intel officials questioned: Top U.S. intelligence officials were questioned Tuesday about why they misjudged the durability of governments in both Afghanistan and Ukraine, and whether



Sitting in for the queen: Britain's Prince Charles, center, is flanked by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, and Prince William in the House of Lords during opening ceremonies for Parliament on Tuesday in London. Queen Elizabeth II, 96, missed the ceremonial opening for the first time while she prepares to celebrate 70 years on the throne. **ALASTAIR GRANT/GETTY-AFP**

they need to reform how intelligence agencies assess a foreign military's will to fight.

U.S. intelligence believed the U.S.-backed Kabul government would hold out for months against the Taliban and thought Russian forces would overrun Ukraine in a few weeks. Both assessments were wrong. The U.S. and Western allies are now rushing to aid Ukraine's resistance against Russia in what has turned into a grinding, violent stalemate.

"What we missed was the will to fight of the Ukrainians ... and we also missed that in Afghanistan," said Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, at a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

He added, "I realize will to fight is a lot harder to assess than number of tanks or volume of ammunition or something. But I hope the intelligence community is doing some soul-searching about how to better get a handle on that question."

Cuba hotel blast: The elegant Hotel Saratoga was supposed to reopen in Havana Tuesday after a two-year pandemic break. Instead, it was a day of mourning for the 42 people known to have died in an explosion that ripped apart the building and of continued searching for victims.

Emergency workers continued to hunt through the ruins of the 19th century building.

Roberto Enriquez, a spokesman for the military-owned Gaviota tourism company that operates the Saratoga, said 51 people were working to get the hotel ready for its re-inauguration, Enriquez said, and 23 of them are among the dead: executives and maids, cooks and reception desk workers, security personnel and technicians.

Three workers remain missing, believed to be buried under the debris.

Authorities have said they suspect the cause was a leak

of gas as a tank truck was servicing the building.

Castaway indicted: A man found floating on a raft off the coast of New England in 2016 after his boat sank was charged in an indictment unsealed Tuesday with killing his mother at sea to inherit the family's estate.

The eight-count indictment released in federal court in Burlington, Vermont, also says Nathan Carman killed his grandfather, John Chakalos, at his home in Windsor, Connecticut, in 2013 as part of an effort to defraud insurance companies, but he was not charged with that killing.

Carman was found in an inflatable raft eight days after leaving a Rhode Island marina to go fishing with his mother, Linda Carman, who was never found.

Nathan Carman, 28, of Vernon, Vermont, was arrested Tuesday. He's due in federal court Wednesday in Rutland, Vermont.

Mexico may skip summit: Mexico's president said Tuesday that he would not attend next month's Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles if the Biden administration excludes Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua — adding his voice to increasing warnings of a boycott by some leaders across the region.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been saying in recent weeks that the U.S. government should not exclude anyone from the summit, but he had not previously threatened to stay home.

"If they exclude, if not all are invited, a representative of the Mexican government is going to go, but I would not," Lopez Obrador said, after a visit to Cuba. He said his foreign affairs secretary, Marcelo Ebrard, would go.

The Mexican president's absence would be a blow to the summit expected to deal heavily with the issue of migration at the U.S.-Mexico border.

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In Ukraine, a show of steely resolve

Volunteers craft armor, obstacles, bulletproof vests

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — Sparks fly as a circular saw slices into metal, while welders nearby work feverishly to the sound of blaring heavy metal. Upstairs, sewing machines clatter as women mark patterns on cloth being shaped into bulletproof vests.

An old industrial complex in the southeastern Ukrainian riverside city of Zaporizhzhia has become a hive of activity for volunteers producing everything from body armor and anti-tank obstacles to camouflage nets, portable heating stoves and rifle slings for Ukrainian soldiers fighting Russia’s invasion.

One section specializes in vehicles, armor-plating some, converting others into ambulances. Another organizes food and medical deliveries.

With the front line 30 miles from the city, some sections of the operation, such as the stitching of bulletproof vests, are working around the clock in shifts to meet demand. Crowd-funding has brought in enough money to buy steel from Sweden, Finland and Belgium, which is lighter than local steel, organizers say, a crucial quality for body armor.

The operation is the brainchild of Vasylyl Busharov and his friend Hennadii Vovchenko, who ran a furniture-making business. They named it Palianytsia, a type of Ukrainian bread whose name many Ukrainians say cannot be pronounced properly by Russians.

The operation relies on volunteers, who number at more than 400 and come from all walks of life, from tailors to craftsmen to



A volunteer shapes metal plates with an angle grinder Saturday at a facility producing material for Ukrainian soldiers in Zaporizhzhia. FRANCISCO SECO/AP

lawyers. Apart from those involved in production, there are also drivers delivering humanitarian aid and medical equipment bought through donated funds.

“I feel I am needed here,” said fashion designer Olena Grekova, 52, taking a brief break from marking fabric for vests.

When Russia invaded Feb. 24, she was in Thailand seeking inspiration for her spring collection. Initially, she said, she wondered whether it was a sign from God that she shouldn’t return. Her husband and two adult sons urged her not to.

“But I made a decision that I had to go back,” she said.

She had known Busharov for years.

Arriving home March 3, she gathered her equipment the next day and by March 5

was at Palianytsia.

Shifting from designing gowns to creating bulletproof vests was “a new experience for me,” Grekova said. But she sought feedback from soldiers for her designs, which have armor plates added.

Now she is helping to produce several versions, including a prototype summer vest.

In another section of the industrial complex, Ihor Prytula, 55, was busy making a new camouflage net, winding pieces of dyed fabric through a string frame. A furniture-maker by trade, he joined Palianytsia at the start of the war.

He had some military experience, he said, so it was easy to get feedback from soldiers on what they needed.

“We speak the same

language,” he said.

For Prytula, the war is personal.

His 27-year-old son was killed in late March as he helped evacuate people from the northern town of Chernihiv.

“The war and death, it’s bad, trust me, I know this,” he said.

Busharov announced his project on Facebook on Feb. 25. The next day, 50 people turned up. “Next day 150 people, next day 300 people. ... And all together, we try (to) protect our city.”

They started out making Molotov cocktails in case Russian soldiers advanced on Zaporizhzhia.

In 10 days, they produced 14,000, he said.

Then they turned to producing anti-tank obstacles known as hedgehogs — three large metal beams

soldered together at angles — used as part of the city’s defenses. Soon, Busharov and Vovchenko said, they discovered another need: There weren’t enough bulletproof vests for Ukraine’s soldiers.

But learning how to make something so specialized wasn’t easy.

“It took two days and three sleepless nights to understand what needs to be done,” Vovchenko said.

The team went through various types of steel. Some didn’t offer enough protection; others were too heavy to be functional.

Then they had a breakthrough.

“It turns out that steel used for car suspension has very good properties for bullet penetration,” Vovchenko said, standing in front of four shelves of test

plates with varying degrees of bullet damage. The one made of car suspension steel showed dozens of bullet marks but none that penetrated.

The vests and everything else made at Palianytsia are provided free to soldiers who request them, so long as they can prove they are in the military.

Each plate is numbered and each vest has a label noting it is not for sale.

Palianytsia has produced 1,800 bulletproof vests in two months, Busharov said, adding there was a waiting list of around 2,000 more from all over Ukraine.

Vovchenko said they have heard about up to 300 people whose lives have been saved by the vests.

Knowing that is “incredibly inspiring and it keeps us going,” he said.

Abortion pills are on rise: Why?

By Claire Cain Miller
and Margot Sanger-Katz
The New York Times

Taking pills to end a pregnancy accounts for a growing share of abortions in the United States, both legal and not. If the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade as expected, medication abortion will play a larger role, especially among women who lose access to abortion clinics.

Q: What is medication abortion?

A: It is a regimen of pills women can take at home, a method increasingly used around the world.

The protocol approved for use in the United States includes two medications. The first one, mifepristone, blocks a hormone called progesterone that is necessary for a pregnancy to continue. The second, misoprostol, brings on uterine contractions.

Q: When can it be used?

A: The Food and Drug Administration has approved medication abortion for up to 10 weeks of pregnancy. World Health Organization guidelines say it can be used up to 12 weeks at home, and after 12 weeks in a medical office.

Q: Is it effective, and is it safe?

A: Yes on both counts.

In U.S. studies, the combination of these pills causes a complete abortion in more than 99% of patients, and is as safe as the traditional abortion procedure administered by a doctor in a clinic. A variety of research has found that medication abortion has low rates

of adverse events, and a recent Lancet study found that patients are generally satisfied with it. Growing evidence from overseas suggests that abortion pills are safe even among women who do not have a doctor to advise them.

“Some people still assume we’re talking about something dangerous or done out of desperation, but increasingly this information is becoming more mainstream,” said Abigail R.A. Aiken, an associate professor at the University of Texas at Austin who leads a research group there on medication abortion.

Q: Who uses this method?

A: About half of people who get legal abortions in the United States (and three-quarters in Europe). During the pandemic, medication abortion became more common because patients wanted to avoid going to clinics in person, and a change in federal law made it easier for them to get prescriptions via telemedicine.

It usually comes down to patients’ preference, said Dr. Maria Isabel Rodriguez, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Oregon Health and Sciences University, who has worked on abortion research and policy design.

“Some people like surgical, because it’s over with faster, they’re able to have anesthesia, and it’s finished in a defined time,” she said. “Medication can feel more private, some want it at their own home, some say it feels more natural for them, and some say it feels more possible to process a loss.”

Medication abortion is



Medication abortions are considered as safe as surgical abortions from a doctor. MERIDITH KOHUT/THE NEW YORK TIMES

also used by those who live in a place that restricts legal abortion or by those who cannot reach a clinic. The U.S. abortion rate is higher than officially reported by doctors, evidence suggests, because people are ordering pills online. That invisible abortion rate may rise if more states move to ban abortion.

Q: Who prescribes abortion pills?

A: Doctors with a special registration required by the FDA.

But it recently lifted rules that required an in-person appointment. That means more providers are offering medication abortions through telemedicine. The doctor and patient meet online, then the doctor sends pills to the patient’s home through the mail. (Some brick-and-mortar pharmacies have become certified to fill prescriptions for the pills, but this is not common.)

New startups that specialize in telemedicine abortions, like Hey Jane and Just the Pill, have begun offering the service in states that allow it. But 19 states

prohibit pills from being prescribed by telemedicine or delivered via mail. In those places, patients still need to see a doctor in person to pick up the pills. Other states ban medication abortion after a certain number of weeks.

If Roe is overturned, about half of the states are expected to ban abortion altogether, and medication abortion is expected to become a legal battleground.

Q: What about pills from overseas?

A: Online pharmacies overseas sell the pills. An organization called Aid Access offers women in all 50 states advice and prescriptions from European doctors before shipping pills from India. These extralegal channels are becoming more popular. After Texas enacted a law in September that banned abortion after about six weeks, requests to Aid Access for abortion pills tripled.

The FDA has asked these groups to stop sales of these medications into the U.S., saying they circumvent U.S. drug safety protocols.

But researchers have found that pills ordered using these services are generally authentic.

Q: Are pills from overseas legal?

A: No. It is illegal to sell prescription medicine to Americans without a prescription from a doctor licensed in the United States. But enforcement of overseas providers has been uncommon, as it is with other medications Americans order from abroad. And sales would be hard to stop because the medications generally come in unmarked packages in the mail.

In general, recent state laws do not punish women for obtaining abortions, but have focused enforcement on abortion providers. The exception is older laws in Nevada, Oklahoma and South Carolina. That could change if Roe is overturned and if illicit medication abortions become more common.

Q: What is the process like?

A: The first pill, mifepristone, typically has no discernible effect on

patients. The second, misoprostol, taken 24 to 48 hours later, causes cramping and bleeding that builds in intensity, Rodriguez said.

The process lasts six to eight hours, and is most intense for about one hour. She recommends patients stay home, without other obligations. Ibuprofen and a heating pad are also recommended, because the pain can be strong and the bleeding is much heavier than for a period. After the pregnancy has passed, the cramping and clotting stop, though women generally bleed, similar to a period, for about a week.

In rare cases, less than 1% of the time, a patient has heavier-than-expected bleeding and needs medical care. Similarly rare, the abortion is not complete and needs to be followed up with another dose or a surgical abortion.

Women who have these complications can be treated by a doctor with experience treating miscarriages; the symptoms and treatment are the same.

Once a medication abortion is begun, it cannot be reversed.

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Sheriff: Ala. murder suspect, jailer were set for a shootout

By Dylan Lovan and Jay Reeves
Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A murder suspect and the jailer who helped him escape from an Alabama lockup were carrying \$29,000 in cash, four handguns and an AR-15 rifle and were prepared for a shootout when they were captured, an Indiana sheriff said Tuesday.

Authorities caught up with the pair on Monday, more than a week after the breakout and nearly 300 miles away, and rammed their car into a ditch after a brief chase. Escaped inmate Casey White, 38, surrendered, while jail official Vicky White, 56, was found with a gunshot wound to the head and was pronounced dead at a hospital, officials said.

Authorities believe she shot herself, but a coroner will make the determination, Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding said.

The end of the manhunt left authorities trying to piece together what happened during the 11 days that elapsed after Vicky White escorted Casey White from a Florence, Alabama, jail for what she falsely said was a mental health evaluation.

The inmate and the long-divorced Vicky White appeared to have had a “jail-house romance,” Alabama authorities said last week. They were not related.

As for her role in the escape, the sheriff said: “It was a mutual relationship.”

At the time of the breakout, Casey White was serving a 75-year prison sentence for attempted murder and other offenses and was awaiting trial on charges of stabbing to a woman to death during a 2015 burglary. If convicted, he could get the death penalty.

Investigators believe the pair spent about six days



Sheriff Dave Wedding speaks as a picture of weapons in the possession of Casey White and Vicky White is displayed on Tuesday in Evansville, Indiana. TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

at a motel in Evansville. Authorities discovered wigs intended to hide their identities. Wedding said investigators do not believe the two had relatives or other contacts in the city of 120,000.

Authorities closed in on them after the manager of a car wash reported that a man closely resembling the 6-foot-9, 260-pound Casey White had been recorded by a surveillance camera getting out of a pickup truck.

Investigators said they located the pickup, then learned that the pair may have switched to a Cadillac, which was then spotted outside a motel nearby. When the couple left the motel, police chased them down, authorities said.

Casey White told investigators after his capture that “he was probably going to have a shootout at the stake of both of them losing their lives,” the sheriff said.

The inmate appeared by video Tuesday in an Indiana courtroom, where he waived extradition, and authorities said he will be sent back to Alabama.

An attorney representing White in the murder case, Jamy Poss, declined to comment.

Vicky White, assistant director of corrections at

the Lauderdale County jail, had put in for retirement ahead of the escape and the day of the breakout, April 29, was her last day of work.

A woman who worked with her for 16 years spoke through tears Tuesday.

“I know she did wrong and made a terrible mistake, but she’s still your friend,” Sherry Sylvester said.

She said that White often tried to help prisoners, particularly ones without family. But Sylvester said she never saw White do anything that crossed the line.

Connie Moore, Casey White’s mother, said she last spoke with him by phone the day before the escape. She said her son may not have known what was about to happen.

“Everything was just as normal as it could be. I doubt he even knew he was leaving when she came in there to get him,” Moore said.

A warrant was issued on May 2 for Vicky White charging her with permitting or facilitating escape. Authorities said the plan appeared to have been in the works for some time. She sold her house for about half its market value and bought an SUV that she stashed at a shopping center without license plates.



Protesters rally Tuesday in Manila against Ferdinand Marcos Jr. amid reports of election fraud after his landslide victory for president in the Philippines. JES AZNAR/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Young voters reject landslide Marcos Jr. win in Philippines

By Sui-Lee Wee
The New York Times

MANILA, Philippines — Angry young voters gathered in the Philippines on Tuesday to protest against Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son and namesake of the former dictator, who clinched a landslide victory this week in one of the most divisive presidential elections in the country’s recent history.

Multiple election observers said they had received thousands of reports of election-related anomalies since the vote Monday. Malfunctioning voting machines were one of the biggest concerns, with VoteReportPH, an election watchdog, saying the breakdowns had “severely impaired this electoral process.”

On Tuesday, Leni Robredo, Marcos’ closest rival in the race and the country’s current vice president, said her team was looking into reports of voter fraud. But every opinion poll before the election had predicted that Marcos would win by a huge margin, and his lead by Tuesday was so over-

whelming that reports of fraud and malfunctioning machines were unlikely to sway the result.

Marcos had racked up nearly 31 million votes, according to a preliminary tally. That was more than double the number of votes Robredo had, giving Marcos the biggest margin of victory in more than three decades. Voter turnout was around 80%, an election official said Tuesday.

During his campaign, Marcos appealed to a public disillusioned with democracy in the Philippines, a country of 110 million and the oldest democracy in Southeast Asia. Yet for many Filipinos, the Marcos family name remains a byword for excess and greed, and a painful reminder of the atrocities committed by the father.

Marcos’ 92-year-old mother, Imelda Marcos, was sentenced to up to 11 years in 2018 for creating private foundations to hide her unexplained wealth, but remains free. She posted bail, and her case is under appeal by the Supreme Court.

Critics fear the younger Marcos could use the pres-

idency to scrap that case and other outstanding cases against the family.

Dozens of mostly young voters gathered in a park across from the elections commission building Tuesday to protest the election results and Marcos, chanting, “Thief, thief, thief!” and “Put Imelda in jail!”

Police stood watch over the demonstrations.

Paula Santos, a doctor in training, confronted the officers. “Personally, I am scared,” she told them. “I am turning 27 and I am scared for our future, especially now that I’m an adult. When I was young, I did not care about politics. But now I am having goose bumps because of fear.”

In the months leading up to the election, hundreds of thousands of Robredo’s young supporters had campaigned door to door, seeking to fight an online disinformation campaign that portrayed the violent Marcos regime as a “golden age” in the country’s history.

Robredo has stopped short of formally conceding the race.

On Tuesday, she told her supporters to accept “whatever the final result will be.”

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A Constitutional test is upon us

By Thomas Jipping
The Heritage Foundation

“Here, sir, the people govern,” Alexander Hamilton said when explaining the republican form of government recently established in America. “Here, they act by their immediate representatives.” Most Americans agree, at least in theory, but theory is easy. It’s in practice, when this system does not deliver everything you want, that Americans really take sides.

That test is now before us. In 1973, the Supreme Court took authority to regulate abortion away from those “immediate representatives,” imposing a national policy of virtually unrestricted abortion that most Americans have never supported. The possibility that the court will put the people and their representatives back in charge is quickly exposing who respects their fellow citizens and who just wants the power to control them.

America’s founders wrote the Constitution down, the Supreme Court explained in *Marbury v. Madison*, so that its rules for government “may not be mistaken or forgotten.” Thomas Jefferson warned that if the Supreme Court controlled the

Constitution’s meaning, it would be “a mere thing of wax” that the justices “may twist and shape into any form they please.”

The court has never twisted and shaped more aggressively than it did in *Roe v. Wade*. It invented a “right” to almost unrestricted abortion and erased the abortion laws passed by the people’s immediate representatives in all 50 states.

The Supreme Court said that the Constitution had something to do with its decision, but only because it had to say so. In fact, Justice Harry Blackmun’s majority opinion did not even attempt to interpret the 14th Amendment, where the right to abortion supposedly resides.

Instead, *Roe* rests on a foundation of pure policy. In the very next sentence (p. 159 of the opinion), after announcing that the right to abortion exists, Blackmun described the “detriment” that banning abortion would impose.

That’s it. So let it be written, so let it be done. That’s a very powerful gig, if you can get it. Being able, as Justice George Sutherland warned in 1937, to amend the Constitution “in the guise of interpretation” turns the justices’ oath of office into a pledge to support and defend themselves.

Again, this sounds good in theory. But watch what is unfolding before our eyes today and the lengths to which abortion advocates are going to keep their ill-gotten judicial gains. For years, they have turned Supreme Court nominations into gladiatorial combat. Now they want to destroy the Supreme Court’s independence through court-packing, and they intend to blow up the Senate by eliminating its practice of unlimited debate. Even *Roe v. Wade*, in all its policy-driven extremism, is no longer enough to sate today’s abortion champions. They are pushing the misnamed Women’s Health Protection Act, which would prohibit any government anywhere in America, down to the smallest village or hamlet, from doing anything that might make the actual performance of abortions the slightest bit less likely.

This has nothing to do with Congress attaching conditions to money that it gives to the states. Nor is it Congress preempting state or local regulation by enacting its own. The Constitution does not protect any right to abortion, and Congress has no authority to create one that would limit state and local government.

As difficult as it is for abortion extremists

to accept, state and local government had authority to set abortion policy before *Roe v. Wade*, and they will have such authority after it is overruled. That neither guarantees a particular outcome nor shuts certain voices out of the process.

Admitting that *Roe v. Wade* was a mistake, that abortion regulation should never have been taken away from the American people, will not by itself make abortion illegal. Unless the Constitution clearly says otherwise, however, the people “act through their immediate representatives,” wrestling with difficult issues, working out compromises, and then using elections to reset the political chessboard. In that system, liberty is more important than power.

At the convention that drafted the Constitution in 1787, someone is said to have asked Benjamin Franklin what form of government the delegates had established. “A republic,” he said, “if you can keep it.” Keeping it requires a commitment to stick with it — even when you don’t win every time.

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Black Sea the next battlefield to watch

By James Stavridis
Bloomberg Opinion

On the surface, the tiny Ukrainian navy, just 5,000 active-duty sailors and a handful of small coastal boats, appears to be significantly overmatched by Russian maritime forces.

The Kremlin’s Black Sea fleet consists of over 40 front-line warships. The Russians seem poised to cut off the Ukrainian economy from access to the sea — essentially recreating the Anaconda strategy U.S. President Abraham Lincoln used to choke off the Confederacy.

But Russian success is hardly guaranteed, as the Ukrainians are proving as surprisingly stalwart, already pulling off a handful of successful engagements against Russia’s naval forces.

What does the maritime component of the Ukrainian war look like in the months ahead?

Just over a decade ago, I visited the Crimean port of Sevastopol and met the Ukrainian chief of naval operations, Viktor Maksimov. We were able to walk out onto the bridge wing of his flagship and surveil the Russian navy just up the waterway.

This was before the 2014 invasion of Crimea by the Russians, but even then, the Ukrainian admiral correctly said: “Sooner or later, they will come for this port. And their fleet is much stronger than ours.”

At the time, I discounted the idea of a full-fledged invasion, but Russian President Vladimir Putin has now proved me wrong twice. Sevastopol is very much in Russian hands, and it affords them a distinct advantage in potential combat at sea.

The Russians have over three dozen capable combatant ships with immediate access to the crucial waterways of the northern Black Sea, and at least partial control over 60% of Ukraine’s coastline from Crimea through the Sea of Azov to the Russian mainland. Ukraine has lost its major warships, which were seized or



A serviceman stands guard on a boat in the Black Sea port of Mariupol weeks before Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. **ALEKSEY FILIPPOV/GETTY-AFP**

destroyed in 2014, and has to take a guerilla approach. So far, it is playing a weak hand very well.

The shocking sinking last month of Russia’s Black Sea flagship, the cruiser *Moskva*, was a good example of how the Ukrainians are going to approach war on their coast. They used an indigenously produced short-range cruise missile, the Neptune, and caught the Russians off guard. A failure of the Russian air-defense system, coupled with poor damage control, led to the loss of the ship, its heavy cruise-missile battery and (according to the Ukrainians) hundreds of its crew of around 500.

The Ukrainians recently announced they used Turkish-manufactured drones — which are appearing more and more frequently on battlefields globally — to sink two Russian patrol boats.

The upshot of both the strike on the *Moskva* and the sinking of the two gunboats is that the Ukrainians intend to contest control near the coast. Western hardware will be essential of course — the U.K. has pledged to deliver hundreds of antiship *Brimstone* missiles this month — but so will real-time intelligence and targeting. In war at sea — where ships cannot hide behind terrain features, obviously — this is crucial. The battle of Midway in World War II, for example, turned in America’s favor almost entirely

on the ability of U.S. intelligence to direct the outmanned naval force.

The Russians will have to come up with new strategies. This might include using the sea as a “flanking zone” to come around the lines of the Ukrainian defenders on land, similar to the bold move by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in landing at Incheon on the Korean Peninsula in 1950.

Another possibility would be blockading Ukraine’s most vital port, Odesa, to try to sever the Ukrainian economy from global markets. Third, the Russians will likely try to provide intense supporting fire from the sea against Ukrainian targets ashore — they recently demonstrated the ability to launch a land-attack cruise missile from a submarine, for example.

To counter, the Ukrainians can take a page from their land forces, which have been destroying Russian tanks and armored vehicles by the hundreds using relatively inexpensive weapons provided by Western allies. The U.S. Navy’s SEALs have a good range of capabilities to disable shipping, and some of these systems should be made available to the Ukrainians.

President Joe Biden’s proposed \$33 billion assistance package for Ukraine includes coastal-defense hardware. And other NATO members, such as Norway, have very good coastal systems they could provide.

It’s worth considering an escort system

for Ukrainian (and other national) merchant ships that want to go in and out of Odesa. This would be similar to the Operation Ernest Will escorts provided to merchants in the Gulf during the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s. (I participated in those as operations officer on a U.S. cruiser.)

The West could also give training in anti-ship warfare to the Ukrainian navy outside the country, perhaps in nearby Constanta, Romania. (The Romanians recently began providing an outlet for Ukrainian goods from that port.)

At the high end of the confrontation/risk spectrum, the allies might consider a humanitarian maritime mission to evacuate civilians (or even Ukrainian military forces) from the doomed city of Mariupol. Designating this a humanitarian effort would make it difficult for Moscow to attack the ships taking part, but they should be appropriately armed combatants prepared to defend the mission.

The vast Black Sea is mostly international waters. NATO warships are free to travel nearly wherever they want, including into Ukraine’s territorial waters and its 200-mile exclusive economic zone. Conceding those waters to Russia makes no sense. Instead, look for them to become the next major front in the Ukraine war.

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The ’24 presidential contest shaping up as strange right now

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

The Cook Report’s Amy Walter points out that whether former President Donald Trump takes another run at the Oval Office or not, the 2024 presidential election will have at least one unusual feature. If President Joe Biden runs for reelection and wins the Democratic nomination, he’ll extend his own record for oldest major-party nominee. If he doesn’t run? Walter calculates that the last person who originally achieved the presidency through election and then chose not to run again was James Buchanan in 1860.

That’s a bit tricky; before the two-term limitation started in 1951, the presidents who opted against running for a third term would count, which would make choosing not to run a bit more common. But it’s tricky for another reason, too.

Some of those who didn’t run were interested in remaining in the White House — but their parties did not share that interest. And before 1968, it was harder to judge who was really a candidate. There were presidential primaries starting in the 20th century, but before the electoral reforms of the 1960s they were optional opportunities for candidates to prove their popularity to party actors, and sitting presidents and

other strong candidates didn’t enter them. The real action happened at national party conventions and shortly before it, and candidates who flopped might never have much of a public record of their candidacies at all.

It’s similar to how, nowadays, if a politician gives a few speeches in Iowa and New Hampshire but never advances beyond that stage, it’s hard to know whether to classify that as lack of interest by the candidate or by the party. If retiring presidents such as Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and Woodrow Wilson in 1920 are better classified as having run and dropped out than not running at all, then Biden not running would be an even rarer event.

Unless, of course, Biden himself is in that boat — currently running without saying so, and leaving the option of a graceful retirement alive if things look bleak.

Whatever Biden is thinking, it’s made sense up to this point for the success of his presidency for him to act as if he’s running for reelection. Otherwise, he’d be a lame duck, and that would cost him influence.

At some point — probably sometime between the midterms and early 2023 — Biden will have to declare one way or the other as his party will need an answer.

Walter also raises the possibility of a nomination challenge. I’ve speculated in

the past that the magic number in presidential approval rating necessary to spark a serious nomination challenge to a president seeking reelection is around 40% (Biden is now at about 42%).

It’s not so much that any president doing better than that is probably popular enough within the party to defeat a challenge. It’s that as long as the president is perceived within the party as having a decent chance of being reelected, the risks of internal squabbling — and the risks of taking on a president and losing — are just too large. As long as almost all party actors follow that logic, it’s unlikely that a challenge will build momentum. My strong guess would be that a serious nomination battle involving Biden that would stretch into the primaries is unlikely. If he’s unpopular enough that his hold on the nomination is in trouble, he’ll surely just announce that he won’t seek a second term.

If Biden does remain unpopular, however, the conditions would be close to what has previously set the stage for a serious third-party or independent campaign. Those have usually happened when a sitting president is eligible to run but has weak electoral prospects.

That situation was present for the comparatively strong runs of Ross Perot in 1992, John Anderson in 1980, George

Wallace in 1968, Strom Thurmond and Henry Wallace in 1948 and former president Teddy Roosevelt in 1912. (Perot’s 1996 campaign was far less successful.)

The logic is simple: There are available voters who supported the president four years earlier but have moved away from the incumbent, while out-parties often seem disorganized and unpresidential, especially early in their own nominating process. There’s no guarantee that a third-party or independent candidacy would launch in those circumstances; a contender would need a lot of money, fame and political skills to produce a real campaign. But if Biden is a bit more unpopular and is still running next year, the conditions would be right for it.

Early presidential retirements, serious nomination challenges and significant third-party or independent campaigns are all usually the consequence of presidential weakness, not the cause of it. Perhaps things could be different this time — certainly, Biden could choose not to run in 2024 for health or age reasons even if he’s far more popular than he is now. But otherwise, the logic of the situation probably hasn’t changed.

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5/11/22 7209416

Connecticut

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mansfield Planning and Zoning
Commission will hold the following Public
Hearings on Monday, May 16, 2022 via a
web-based virtual meeting to hear comments
regarding the following applications:

6:05 PM: Application for Modification to
Approved Special Permit for a Tasting Room
on property located at 114 Mansfield Hollow
Road, SMNJ, LLC (Applicant), (PZC File
1118).6:10 PM: Special Permit Application
of CPH Mansfield LLC for mixed use develop-
ment (automotive sales & services, retail,
and restaurants including two drive-through
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Parcel ID 38.109.38)PZC File 882.2. No
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after the close of the Public Hearings.
Additional information regarding these ap-
plications is available in the Planning Office.

Paul Aho, Chair
Vera Ward, Secretary
5/4,5/11/22 7204699

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

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Connecticut

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LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **SAGAR SHAH,
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Consumer Protection for a **PACKAGE STORE
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Dorothy Rinaldi

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Charlene K. Stout

Vernon
John Murphy

Windsor Locks
Hubert Pelletier

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Gregory, Alfred

Please join the Gregory family in honoring Alfred’s passing at a Memorial Service on:

Saturday, May 14, 2022 10 a.m. At St. Paul’s Church
461 Alling St Kensington, CT 06037

After the Service, attendees are invited to join the family at Casa Mia at The Hawthorne at 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT 06037

LaMarche, Pamela (Rose)



Pamela LaMarche (Rose), 77, of Coventry, beloved wife of Robert “Bob” LaMarche passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 15, 1944 in Willimantic, the daughter of the late Earl and Barbara Rose. She was a longtime State of Connecticut employee, lifelong member of the

First Congregational Church of Coventry and member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 52. She was an avid quilter, enjoyed gardening, boating, camping and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Besides her husband, Bob, she is survived by her beloved sister Patricia Benoit of Coventry, daughter Christina DeCandia McClintock and her husband Daniel of South Windham, her son Mark DeCandia and his wife Julie of Gorham, NH, grandchildren Kelly Ahern, Thomas Berwick, Ryan DeCandia, Chase DeCandia, Delaney McClintock, Chloe McClintock, 5 great-grandchildren and many treasured nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was predeceased by brothers Earl Rose Jr, Robert Rose, Sherwood Rose, Bruce Rose Sr. and Phillip Rose. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 2 to 5 PM on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at the Coventry-Pietras Funeral Home, 2665 Boston Tpke. (Rte. 44) Coventry. A funeral service will be held at 9:30 AM on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Tpke, Coventry. Burial will follow at Storrs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1171 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238 or the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 52, PO Box 333, Coventry, CT 06238. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Lukas, Chester C.



Chester C. Lukas, 90, of East Hampton passed away on May 6th, 2022 at Glastonbury Health Care Center, surrounded by his family. Chet was born in Norwich on December 9th, 1931 to the late Joseph and Caroline (Zaborowski) Lukaszewicz. Chet graduated from Norwich Free Academy and the University of Connecticut, and earned his masters degree in meteorology at Penn State University.

Chet was married to Patricia “Pat” Moffat for 35 years until her death in 1988, and to Margaret “Peggy” Plutko for 18 years until her death in 2011. Chet was also predeceased by his older brothers Joseph Lukaszewicz, Alexander Lukas and Raymond Lukas.

At his retirement as full colonel, after 26 years active duty as a US Air Force meteorologist, Chet was awarded the Legion of Merit. The highlight of his career was playing a key role in early planning efforts to use Doppler radar in military weather forecasting. Chet’s passions were golfing and collecting stamps. His greatest love was watching his grandchildren grow up. Visits with his young great-grandchildren were a special blessing.

Left to cherish his memory are his twin children, Margaret “Katie” Bonham (husband David) and Dr. Jeffrey Lukas (wife Lauren); grandchildren Natalie Litzau (husband Tim), Marilyn Bonham (husband 1st Lt. Allen Morris), William Lukas (partner Darin Ripp), Stephen Lukas, Owen Lukas, and Riley Pylant (granddaughter of Peggy and Chet); and, great-grandchildren Landon, Trent and Fletcher Litzau.

We are most grateful to everyone at Rossini’s Italian Restaurant in East Hampton for their love of Chet, and to the caregivers at Glastonbury Health Care Center for their heartfelt care of Chester during his last weeks.

Visitation with family is from 10 AM to 11 AM on Thursday May, 12th 2022 at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Avenue in Glastonbury. Funeral service is at 11 AM at the funeral home, followed by burial with full military honors at East Cemetery in Manchester.

Chet gave generously to many charities over the years. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice and think of Chet. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Paulson, Elizabeth



Elizabeth “Betty” Ann (Wells) Paulson, 82, of Rockfall, beloved wife of Robert A. Paulson for over sixty-two years, passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital. Born in Middletown, she was the daughter of the late George and Viola (Feltz) Wells. Betty grew up in Portland and moved to Rockfall in 1959.

She graduated Portland High School, Class of 1957 and continued her education graduating Grace New Haven School of Nursing, Class of 1959. She worked for Dr. Louis O. LaBella for five years, Middletown Surgical Group from 1994 to 1989 and at the Village at South Farms finally retiring in 2002. Betty also was the caretaker of many on “The Ridge”.

Betty was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and was active on the Coginchaug Regional High School Scholarship Committee. Along with gardening and camping in New Hampshire, Betty loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Besides her husband, Betty is survived by a son Christopher Paulson and his wife Fran of Rockfall; her daughter, Deborah Kulpik and her husband John of Middlefield; her grandchildren, Nico and Kiyah Kulpik, Alex and Luke Paulson; sister-in-law, June Paulson of Portland; special nieces, Heidi Abbott and her husband Al of Portland and Eloise Ebbighausen and her husband Harry of Massachusetts; nephews, Paul Paulson of MA and Jon Paulson of New Jersey; special grand nephews, Joshua Abbott and Paul and Scott Ebbighausen; grand niece, Diane Paulson and many close friends.

Along with her parents, Betty was predeceased by her daughter, Kathleen E. Paulson.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Betty’s caregiver, Debra Oliver, for her constant, compassionate and loving care.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 4:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 300 Washington Street, Middletown where masks are required. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty’s memory may be made to Alzheimer’s Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489-1058. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Pelletier, Hubert



Hubert M. “Hubie” Pelletier, 84, of Windsor Locks, formerly of Enfield, beloved husband of the late Rachel (Michaud) Pelletier, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022. Born in Daigle, Maine on July 4, 1937, he was the 12th of 12 children and the last surviving child of the late Arthur and Odile (Daigle) Pelletier and grew up in Fort Kent, ME, graduating from Fort Kent

Community High School in 1955, moving to Connecticut in 1959. Hubert married the love of his life Rachel Michaud on October 31, 1959 and they enjoyed 61 years of marriage until Rachel’s passing in 2021. They raised their children in Enfield, where he lived for 54 years. He served his country honorably in the US Air Force and was a longtime member of AMVETS and Tanguay-Magill Post 80. Hubie retired from Preston Trucking after 39 years and was a member of the Teamsters Local 61. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and was Past Grand Knight. Hubie and Rachel were longtime parishioners of Holy Family Church. In his spare time, he was an avid bowler, excellent pool player, and loved playing cards, especially Setback. Hubie was a fan of the Red Sox, NY Giants, Boston Celtics and Bruins, and loved UCONN Women’s Basketball. A devoted husband, loving father, Pepere, and friend, he will be missed by so many family and friends. He leaves 4 children, Michelle Pelletier Feltault and her husband Robert of Enfield, Janice Hannah and her husband Clark of Buena Park, CA, Daniel Pelletier of Los Angeles, CA, and Dennis Pelletier and his wife Kimberly of Enfield; 6 grandchildren, Kyle and Amanda Haber, Matthew Hannah and his wife Lucy and Andrew Hannah, and Michael and Sarah Pelletier; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 11 siblings, brothers Herman, Mark, John, Roland, Roy, Alden, and Donald and sisters Juliette Kozlowski, Marilyn Kozlowski, Louella Dumond, and Lourdes Pelletier. His family will receive friends on Saturday, May 14 from 2-4 PM at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield. Burial will be private for the family in the summer. The family would like to thank all of the staff at Athena Hospice, especially Amy, Danielle, and Richard, for their kind and compassionate care of Hubert. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, www.alz.org. For online condolences, please visit www.leetesteevens.com.

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Rinaldi, Dorothy

Dorothy Rinaldi, 88, formerly of Rocky Hill, CT, passed away on May 4, 2022. She had worked at RCA and People’s Bank. She liked to play tennis, spend time with dear family and friends, host holiday celebrations and travel to Aruba, where she swam and took long walks on the beach, looking for sea glass. Preceded in death by her parents, Antonio and Teresa, and sister, Margaret Amaio. She is survived by her niece, Cynthia Stephens; nephew, David Sarnoski and wife, Leigh; niece, Alyssa Amaio and wife, Stacy; 5 great nephews: Matt Young and wife, Jenna; Jack Sarnoski, Chad Sarnoski, Leo Stephens, Archer Amaio; 2 great nieces: Madison Sarnoski, Avani Amaio; a great great niece Maeve Halsey-Young, and friends. Family to hold a private remembrance in her honor, as per her wishes.

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Sheehan , Eleanore



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Eleanore (Covell) Sheehan of Andover, CT on May 6, 2022, just 6 months shy of her 100th birthday. Eleanore was born on October 23,1922 in a little house in Bolton Notch, CT but spent her entire life as a resident of Andover. She was the daughter of the late Ellsworth L. and Christine (White) Covell and wife of the late Lawrence “Larry” Sheehan all of Andover, CT. She leaves behind her son Dennis Sheehan of Andover and daughter Kathleen (Sheehan) Sideris and son-in-law Ven Sideris of Mansfield Center, CT.

She was the proud grandmother of Brian Sideris and his wife Tracy of Ridgefield, CT and Emily Sideris of North Windham, CT She loved being a great-grandmother to Cody Sideris of North Windham, CT and Havana, Iiana and Athen Sideris of Ridgefield, CT.

She also leaves behind her sister Virginia “Ginny” Osborne of Andover, CT and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Willis “Sonny” Covell and his wife Barbara of Andover, CT, her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Edward and Carolyn “Jackie” Sheehan of Andover, CT as well as her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Dorothy and Thomas Anderson and brother-in-law Richard Osborne.

Eleanore had an extraordinary life that was far longer than she expected and far shorter than her family and friends would have preferred. After graduating from Windham High School in 1940 she went to work for 30 years at the Louis B. Arnold Insurance Office in Willimantic, CT and another 36 years at the Willimantic Social Security Office in Willimantic, CT. After 66 years she finally retired at age 85 in 2007.

She loved all things UConn especially the Men’s and Women’s basketball teams. She was an avid baseball fan of the Yankees since her husband Larry was born and raised in New York before coming to Andover where they met. She loved doing crossword puzzles, did beautiful coloring and enjoyed all the wild life that visited her home on a regular basis. She loved and cared for numerous cats and dogs in her lifetime and was especially fond of Golden Retrievers. She will be greatly missed by all of those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

In accordance with Eleanore’s wishes her funeral and burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Gifts in her memory may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, Ct. 06111; Andover Public Library, 355 Rte. 6, Andover, CT 06232; the Andover Volunteer Fire Dept., 11 School Rd. Andover, CT 06232 or to a charity of your choice. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

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Councilors abstain from charter panel vote

Concerns about transparency arise in effort to replace official on revision commission

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Three city councilors took the unusual position of abstaining from voting on a replacement to Hartford’s Charter Revision Commission on Monday evening following a pointed discussion on concerns about the commission’s transparency. Democratic Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke, and Councilman Josh Michtom and Councilwoman Tiana Hercules, both of the Work-

ing Families Party, abstained from voting on the motion to appoint Peter Yazbak as a replacement to former commissioner Alex Aponte, who resigned after he moved out of Hartford. Clarke, who made the motion to appoint Yazbak, subsequently said he was abstaining from the vote as there were concerns about transparency surrounding how decisions were made on the charter revision commission, including the rejection of the creation of a police commission that would

provide greater oversight over the city police department. “It has nothing to do with Mr. Peter Yazbak replacing former councilman and majority leader Alex Aponte,” Clarke said. “I think Mr. Yazbak is a phenomenal person and he would do a very good job in replacing former councilman Alex Aponte. But I believe the current members of the commission need to do some cleaning up and need to do some reconciliation and to have some further discussion before an appointment is made to fill the vacancy of this position. Because I think the will of the people should be heard and there needs to be a little bit more consideration

regarding the creation of a police commission. Other cities in our state do have this type of a model. I think it is something that should be heavily considered.” Last month, six members of the 14-member charter revision commission stepped aside, but did not officially resign, following allegations of side meetings between other members of the commission and City Hall officials to prevent certain measures from being adopted, including the police commission. Four of the six who stepped aside — Kamora Herrington, Ken Kennedy, Eon Smith and Vicki Gallon-Clark — are the only Black members. The

other two members who stepped aside are Bruce Rubenstein and Melvin Medina. Councilman John Gale, who is the only member of the city council who is also a member of the commission, criticized Clarke for abstaining, as well as the six who stepped aside. “First, let’s just be clear: The only item before council tonight is the appointment of somebody to replace a commissioner who has resigned,” Gale said. “Frankly I am not really understanding the majority leader’s comments. For the commission to do its business,

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Sam Wilder, left, is the chef, and Sarah Bezdelovs is the owner of The Ferry Grill & Chill at the landing of the Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry. Bezdelovs, 19, is a 2021 graduate of Rocky Hill High School. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

Rocky Hill teenager buys ferry-landing restaurant

Young restaurateur is calling eatery the Ferry Grill & Chill

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

A Rocky Hill restaurant that offers one of the prettiest views in Hartford County — and is just offshore of the nation’s oldest continuously operating ferry — is now owned by possibly the youngest restaurateur in Connecticut. Sarah Bezdelovs, 19, a 2021 graduate of Rocky Hill High School, bought Ferry Park Grill, located on the banks of the Rocky Hill Glastonbury Ferry, from its previ-

ous proprietor. When Bezdelovs’ new sign is installed, the lunch and dinner shack will have a new name: The Ferry Grill & Chill. The restaurant opens for the season today. “I grew up in Rocky Hill. This place is where everyone comes — young people, old people, people who want to eat or people who just want to watch the water. I came here all the time to fish with my dad,” Bezdelovs said. Just seven weeks after graduating from high school, Bezdelovs got a real estate license. She now works at Berkshire Hathaway in Glastonbury. She also works as a server and a bartender at Maggie

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Grilled salmon at The Ferry Grill & Chill in Rocky Hill. COURTESY SAM WILDER

Teen is suspect in fake 911 calls

Georgia boy sought in ‘swatting’ calls to Windsor Locks and police in other states

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A suspect in “swatting” calls to police in Connecticut and other states told 911 dispatchers that he had killed his mother, was about to kill his two sisters and would gun down any officers who came to the scene, Windsor Locks police said. Detective Dan Bontempo said Tuesday that town police will seek the arrest of the Georgia teenager on felony charges. The 15-year-old boy recently was arrested on criminal charges in his home state. The calls targeting residents in Connecticut, Georgia and Florida were related to insults traded during sessions of the video game Call of Duty, Bontempo said. A similarly motivated call to police in Kansas in 2017 ended with an innocent man’s death. The call to Windsor Locks dispatch came in March 19 at 4:05 a.m. The caller reported a bloodbath on South Elm Street that he said was about to get much worse. Police, however, were immediately suspicious, in part because the caller butchered the pronunciation of a common last name, Windsor Locks Det. Sgt. Jeff Lampson said. “It gave us pause,” Lampson said. Police had to act on the report, so the regional SWAT team and medics rushed to stage near the address the caller gave. A negotiator eventually connected with a 21-year-old man inside the house, and he and his brother walked out with their hands up as police held them at gunpoint, Bontempo said. The 21-year-old told police that the swatting call likely was retal-

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Hartford City Council OKs Juneteenth as city holiday

June 19 to be recognized as day commemorating emancipation of slaves

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The Hartford City Council on Monday evening approved a resolution recognizing June 19 annually as “Juneteenth Independence Day” and making it a legal holiday. “Juneteenth is the oldest annual holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States and has been celebrated by African Americans since the late 1800s,” the resolution says. Juneteenth marks the day enslaved people in Texas learned of their emancipation in 1865. Interest in the holiday intensified



Protesters hold a Juneteenth rally June 19, 2020, at the state Capitol against racial injustice and police brutality. The Hartford City Council on Monday approved a resolution recognizing Juneteenth as a city holiday. COURANT FILE

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United Rental orders 530 EVs from Ford

Company working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 35% by 2030

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The world’s largest equipment rental company will buy 500 Ford F-150 Lightning electric trucks and 30 of the automaker’s E-Transit electric vans. United Rental expects 120 of the trucks and all 30 of the vans to be delivered and deployed this year as part of its goal to reduce its fleet’s greenhouse gas emissions 35% by 2030, the company said Tuesday. The vehicles will be used by customers on construction and industrial sites and by its own sales, service and delivery personnel, the Connecticut company said. Like other old-guard automakers, Ford has invested billions of dollars to rapidly develop and

produce its electric vehicle lineup. Ford announced in March that it was splitting its electric vehicle and internal combustion operations into two independent wings to accelerate its adaptation of new technology. Earlier this year, the Detroit automaker said it would nearly double the annual production of the F-150 Lightning to 150,000 per year based on a high number of reservations. Ford’s heavy investment in electric vehicles — its own and others — has come at a cost. The company reported two weeks ago that it lost \$3.1 billion in the first quarter, weighed down by its investment in the electric-vehicle startup Rivian. Sales were also dinged as a shortage of chips limited the supply of pickups and SUVs in North America. Shares in Ford rose 2% Tuesday, but have lost almost half their value since January highs of around \$25 per share.

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Suspect charged in beating death

New London man accused of violence at Chaplin house

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A New London man has been charged with the hourslong beating of a man who was later pronounced dead at his home in Chaplin, state police said Tuesday.

Matthew Candler, 46, faces a first-degree assault charge in the death of Jeffrey Rawson, 51. State police labeled Candler a homicide suspect in a news release, but they did not respond immediately when asked if the charge will be upgraded.

Police took Candler back to Connecticut from a New Hampshire jail Monday. He was being held on a \$500,000 bond for an appearance in Danielson Superior Court Tuesday.

Rawson was found dead in his home at 214 Miller Road on May 1 after police received a report of an assault with life-threatening injuries. Police say they quickly identified Candler as a person of interest in the case.

Candler and Rawson

knew each other, according to an arrest warrant, and had been partying at Rawson's home with several other people. At some point in the night, Candler became violent, the warrant says. A woman said she fell asleep on a couch and was awakened when Candler smacked her in the face, police said.

The woman said she saw Rawson with blood trickling down his forehead while Candler yelled, "If anyone moves, I'll kill you all," the warrant says. She said Candler threw a heavy lamp at Rawson, then broke a bedside table and entertainment center and used the shattered pieces to beat him, police said.

The witness said the assault "was continuously but sporadically occurring" between midnight and about 5 a.m., the warrant says.

None of the witnesses offered a motivation for the attack. Another woman said she was with Candler in his truck on their way to Rawson's home when the truck broke down. Candler had it towed to Rawson's house, where he and Rawson worked on it, according to the warrant.

This witness said they were all having a good time, but later in the night, she nodded off and woke up when she heard arguing in the living room. She said someone kicked her in the face and everything was foggy after that. Police say Candler faces three first-degree assault charges.

Another witness who was not hurt said he saw Rawson on the floor in the living room and Candler punching him in the face, the warrant says. Candler also hit Rawson numerous times with a lamp and kicked and stomped on Rawson's head and neck, the witness said, according to the warrant.

The witness said he hid in a bedroom until state police arrived, police said. He said he did not know when Candler left and "it was not his business to call the police because he did not get assaulted," police said.

Troopers found the house a mess, with broken furniture and blood smeared and spattered on the walls, carpet and glass doors, the warrant says. Rawson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Rawson was born in Manchester, grew up in Will-

ington and graduated from Windham High School in 1989, according to his obituary. He was an all-star soccer player and traveled all over the U.S. and Europe for league matches, the obit says.

The father of an adult daughter worked as a plant manager for Village Springs Water Bottling Company in Willington, an electrician for East Coast Site Controls in Hampton and a residential roofer "before he ventured out on his own to become the handyman and general fix-it-all guy for local campgrounds, churches, and property owners," according to the obituary.

Rawson also was an avid fisherman, "loved to laugh, dance, tell jokes, and wax philosophical with anyone who'd listen. And he was low-key genius."

"Incredibly smart and quick-witted, he could carry a conversation with just about anybody," the obit said. "He was a party looking for a place to happen. And Jeff will be missed beyond measure."

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Hartford man fatally shot in apparent drive-by

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A city man who was shot and wounded in Hartford Tuesday morning died later in the day, police said.

Police responded to the 300 block of Zion Street about 11:45 a.m. on a Shot Spotter alert and found the victim suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to an area hospital.

The victim was later

identified as Guillermo Gonzalez, 59, of Zion Street, Hartford, police said.

The shots apparently came from a passing vehicle, police said. The victim was not believed to be the intended target.

Anyone with information is asked to call the department tip line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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Swatting

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iation for trash talk during online gaming sessions. One player in particular had mispronounced his last name, the man said, the same way the emergency dispatcher had noted.

Bontempo's investigation connected him with the sheriff's office in Cherokee County, Georgia. A caller to emergency dispatch there on the same day told the same story of killing his mother, preparing to kill his two sisters and wiping out any cops who came to help.

More than 30 officers responded to the home.

"So, as I open the door to try to figure out what is going on, they get on the horn and they ask me, 'Sir, could you please put your hands up and walk towards us slowly;' " a Georgia man at the targeted address told Fox 5 Atlanta. "And they said, 'We want to see your hands.' So, I did exactly that, didn't know what was going on, and as soon as I got to the end of the driveway, I could see there's cop cars all lined up our street. They have riot gear, they have shields out, they have guns out and my first reaction is 'What the heck's going on?'"

"A man came out of the house and looked confused and alarmed. We quickly began to realize this was a swatting situation, a fake call to 911," Cherokee County Capt. Jay Baker said, according to Fox 5.

Bontempo said he and Cherokee County Sgt. Robert Haugh worked together and eventually pinpointed the prank caller as a 15-year-old Harlem, Georgia boy. The teen also had made an identical call to police in Hillsborough County, Florida, Bontempo said. Fox 5 also reported that police in North Carolina fielded a similar false call.

Swatting calls are a drain on resources and dangerous to both police and the public, Lampson said.

"God forbid there's a legitimate emergency going on in another location," he said. "It puts a huge strain on law enforcement and other first responders."

In 2014, Willimantic police arrested a 14-year-old boy after fielding a hoax

call from a person who claimed to have shot his mother inside their home on High Street. The call tied up a dozen police officers and led to lockdowns at Eastern Connecticut State University, Windham High School and Kramer School for several hours before the prank was uncovered.

In 2013, four SWAT teams and dozens of officers, all heavily armed, descended on Central Connecticut State University after New Britain police received what turned out to be false reports of a man carrying a gun and a sword. The school was put on lockdown, classes were canceled for the remainder of the day and students were told to stay in their rooms, away from the windows, with their cellphones on silent or vibrate. A suspect was later arrested.

The most infamous swatting case came in 2017, when police in Wichita, Kansas responded to a bogus call and killed Andrew Finch after an officer said he thought the bewildered 28-year-old was reaching for a weapon as he stepped outside.

Tyler Barriss of Los Angeles, age 26 at the time, was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2019 after admitting he made the false call and dozens of others, according to news reports. An Ohio man, Casey Viner, was sentenced to 15 months in prison after he admitted to recruiting Barriss to make the swatting call, authorities have said.

Viner was upset that a Wichita gamer had killed Viner's in-game character during a Call of Duty session, authorities said. It turned out that the swatters targeted the wrong address; Finch had nothing to do with them or their game.

"Swatting is no prank," U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said in a news release after Barriss' sentencing. "Sending police and emergency responders rushing to anyone's home based on utterly false information as some kind of joke shows an incredible disregard for the safety of other people."

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Charter

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it seems important that it is fully staffed. That's all we're doing tonight. So in the first place I don't really understand why one would abstain from voting when if you're desirous of having the commission be an effective commission, it should have the full complement."

Gale said the charter revision commission had been completely transparent, and, instead, called the members' stepping aside a "somewhat of a peevish" maneuver.

"I don't think that's how a deliberative body should be operative," Gale said. "I can only imagine the tensions that were involved between the states in 1787, when the Constitutional Convention was meeting in Philadelphia. You had slaveholders and anti-slaveholders and they were trying to come together and work on a document that everyone could agree on. They had bitter fights. But nobody walked out. ...

"It is your prerogative to walk out, but I don't think it advances your cause. Stay and argue your point. We've been meeting for a year now. Everyone has had a year to

argue their points. The fact that they didn't carry the day, that's democracy. You have to move on."

Michtom, however, noted that representatives from Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey and New York threatened to walk out of the Constitutional Convention if they did not have equal representation in what's now the U.S. Senate.

"That's how that deal got done," Michtom said. "So, sometimes, you do when you see the thing not working right, when you see meetings happening outside of the main body of the thing, and at least what's alleged is maybe the mustering of votes and the changing of agendas to make things go a certain way. I think it is worth walking away and that's worth saying."

That the four Black members of the charter revision commission stepped aside from their duties is worth paying attention to, Michtom said.

"[T]he fact of the matter is the commission is in some little bit of turmoil, let us say," he said, adding that he, too, was not commenting on Yazbak or his credentials. "We can talk about who is right and who is wrong, but in

this city something happened that caused all the Black members of the commission to walk away. These are folks with a long history of civic life; I think they take their roles seriously. That needs to be addressed by the folks who didn't walk away. And this is the only opportunity I think we as council have to comment on [this], at least until the commission's recommendations come back to us for a vote."

Clarke, speaking a second time, urged his colleagues to speak to the commissioners who stepped aside in protest.

"These are some of the most astute, intelligent people that reside in the city ... that we have charged to be on this body," he said. "There is a reason why they decided to boycott/protest. And I want us to speak to them regarding the fact of why they chose to do so. They didn't do it just because they didn't get their way. They did it because of a reason and by things that had been discussed that they felt there was some level of injustice that has taken place."

Councilman James Sanchez said he supported Yazbak's appointment to ensure the charter revision commission continued its

work.

"This is a seat that has become vacant and only because of the person relocating, nothing more, nothing less," Sanchez said. "And it is our responsibility to make sure this commission is fully staffed. This is why I'm supporting the appointment of Peter Yazbak. He's a great person. He's a level-headed Hartford resident, always serving the community."

"I just feel that it is our responsibility to support this commission by making sure it is filled with the staffing that is required. If the other [six] still do not want to be part of this commission, we need to fill those seats immediately and move on. Because it's not about me, it's not about us, it's about Hartford residents and our constituents, our families and our friends."

Ultimately, the council approved Yazbak's appointment 5-0, with the three abstentions. City Council President Maly Rosado, Gale, Sanchez, Councilman Nick Lebron and Assistant Majority Leader Marilyn Rossetti voted to appoint Yazbak. Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon was not present at the meeting.



Seafood is the specialty at The Ferry Grill & Chill in Rocky Hill. This is grilled shrimp. **SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT**

shack in previous seasons, on the counter and register and, at age 16, doing the books. Wilder is a veteran of the shack, too, working weekends while school was in session and full-time summers.

The Ferry Grill & Chill will be open seven days a week until the weather gets cold, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. It sells lobster rolls, lobster grilled cheese and lobster mac and cheese — all market price — as well as grilled salmon (\$24), jumbo scallops (\$28), grilled

shrimp (\$24), and fried platters of shrimp, clam strips and fish and chips, each for \$14. Sandwiches are BLTs, chicken sandwiches, chicken Caesar wraps and tuna melts for \$12, a shrimp po boy at \$14 and grilled cheese at \$8. Cheeseburgers, veggie burgers and a "brunch burger" with bacon, egg and cheese on it are \$12 each. A soul burger, with BBQ sauce, mac and cheese and an onion ring, is \$14. Hot dogs are \$6. The shack also serves soups, salads, fries, onion rings, calamari,

chicken tenders, drinks, ice cream, Italian ices and a kids' menu.

That menu is smaller than in previous seasons.

"We tried to condense the menu down. There was too much variety. In a kitchen this small, you want the best quality food in a short period of time," Wilder said. "Restaurants succeed if they have a few items on the menu and just do them really well."

Russell Pelletier owned Ferry Park Grill before selling to Bezdelovs.

"It was tough for me to find labor, and I needed a year-round income," he said. He has a full-time job, and he keeps his connection to the food shack by helping Bezdelovs and Wilder with prep. Before owning the place, he had fond childhood memories of the restaurant.

"I used to come here as a kid and get Good Humors when my friends and I would ride our bikes to the park," he said.

The restaurant is next to Ferry Park at 277 Meadow Road. Phone orders are welcome at 860-328-2911. Those 21 and older can BYOB. ferrygrillandchill.com.

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Juneteenth

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after the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police and the racial reckoning that followed. Communities in Connecticut increasingly began organizing celebrations to recognize Juneteenth but it took until this year for offi-

cial recognition of the holiday in Hartford.

The holiday's celebration is particularly significant in today's political climate, which includes an attack on voting rights, which disproportionately affect Black residents, according to the resolution.

"Juneteenth serves as a reminder of the historical injustices which are still

affecting our society today, and our need to combat inequality and inequity in a multitude of different ways," the resolution says.

The U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation last June establishing June 19 as a federal holiday, Juneteenth National Independence Day.

The Connecticut General Assembly on May 3 passed

a bill establishing June 19 as Juneteenth Independence Day. The bill, according to the resolution, results in "minimal overtime costs for municipalities," estimated to be less than \$50,000.

The City Council will work with Mayor Luke Bronin's administration to create an ordinance that establishes Juneteenth as a legal holiday in Hartford.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

A CT Mirror story on **Page 1** of the Connecticut section on Tuesday incorrectly reported that Johnson Memorial's labor and delivery unit had been continuously closed since April 2020. The unit briefly resumed operations between July and October 2020.

Also, the unit at Windham Hospital that was converted to a progressive care unit in 2015 was a critical care unit, not an intensive care unit.



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CONNECTICUT

‘Between Two Knees’ seeks to enlighten, amuse

Native American historic satire from writers of ‘Reservation Dogs’ on FX to be staged at Yale Rep

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

“Between Two Knees,” coming May 12 through June 4 to the Yale Repertory Theatre in New Haven, isn’t just a fresh, irreverent take on underappreciated (or deliberately misrepresented) chapters in American history. Everything about the show and how it was made seems wondrously different. The play, a satirical look at the past 130 years of Native American history, was created by the Native American comedy team The 1491s. “It’s a historical drama, but a historical drama as told by the 1491s,” says director Eric Ting, who helped develop the play for its premiere at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in 2019. “I don’t want to speak for the 1491s, but this is ultimately a story about resilience and perseverance and transcendence. It’s a superhero story. It’s a tall tale. It’s legend and myth and memory. It’s about the sort of youth we remember as opposed to the youth we actually live, and it’s about the legacy of trauma and about the tools that we have at our disposal to persevere. The big tool, as far as the play is concerned, is comedy and the ability to laugh at it. “When I first read it, I was struck by how heartfelt it was,” Ting continues, “and by the radical comedy. It’s deep subversion, a subversion of all the things we find comfort in, and it’s asking us to lean into our discomfort and to learn to laugh at it. There’s this notion of taking existing colonial structures and subverting them. The theater is one of them. In a way, it’s a celebration of the theater, but a cele-

bration in the sense that we’re subverting a lot of the tropes we associate with theater.” “Between Two Knees,” and the five members of The 1491s, figure prominently in a book written around the same time: “We Had a Little Real Estate Problem: The Unheralded Story of Native Americans & Comedy” by Kliph Nesteroff. The book, which covers major Native American comedians from Will Rogers to Charlie Hill, also covers contemporary acts from tribal nations that are finding new ways to establish themselves in the entertainment industry. “What is a traditional path for a comedian?,” Bobby Wilson of The 1491s pondered in a phone chat with the Courant last week. “Just using the word ‘traditional’ is so funny, because in the context of Indians it means something entirely different. So does our pathway into what it is we all do. The camera has existed for over 100 years now, and only in the past two years have there been any TV shows that are produced by, written by, directed by Indians themselves. It’s a bit overdue, but a lot of this is also about access. The only reason that OSF even knew about what we did was YouTube, our ability as a crew to put work out as a collective on free media.” The play is described by Nesteroff in his book as, “The story of Native America from the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890 to the armed standoff between the FBI and AIM at Wounded Knee in 1973.” Ting says “Between Two Knees” is notable for its “wild irreverence and really deep soul. No one is free from the piercing eye of this play.”

“Yeah, that’s true,” Wilson says. “Even ourselves. That’s the school of comedy we’ve come from, to take a critical look at ourselves and not take ourselves too seriously.” To say that Oregon Shakespeare Festival commissioned “Between Two Knees” is understating the case. The theater’s then-artistic director Bill Rauch encouraged The 1491s to write a play, despite their own skepticism and their total lack of experience with how plays are created and staged. “We were upfront with them, and they said, ‘Don’t worry about it, you’ll be fine,’ ” Wilson says. “We watched all the shows they had for a whole season. We really immersed ourselves. Then they introduced us to Eric.” Bringing in Ting to direct “Between Two Knees” was also Rauch’s idea. Ting is well known to Connecticut theatergoers for his decade as associate artistic director at the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven. The director, who is Chinese-American and grew up in West Virginia, says he expressed reservations about having a non-Native American director on the project. “I was struck by was that it was a native story. So when I talked to Bill the next time I said ‘Are you sure I’m the right director for this, because I am not native.’ Bill said, ‘I hear you, I appreciate that, but will you at least meet with the guys? We all met in Ashland, and I remember saying the same thing, and they all looked at me and said ‘Well, you know what? There’s five of us and one of you so when it comes down to it, we’re gonna win.’ ” In Ashland, rewrites were happening while the show was already being performed. At Yale Rep, the 1491s can’t even be there in person for rehearsals and may even

miss opening night, having to hold daily Zoom calls instead. The show, originally planned for the Rep two years ago and postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, is happening just as The 1491s are in Tulsa, Oklahoma filming a TV series one of them co-created and the others are writing for or acting in. “We’re all writing and performing in ‘Reservation Dogs’ season two now,” Wilson says. The FX series was created by Sterlin Harjo of The 1491s with comedy titan Taika Waititi of “Jojo Rabbit,” “What We Do in the Shadows” and “Our Flag Means Death” fame. It follows four indigenous teens trying to get out of the doldrums of Oklahoma. The wrap day for “Reservation Dogs” is the same weekend “Between Two Knees” ends its run at Yale Rep. Wilson says he would like to visit New Haven, but “it is so [expletive] hard to fly anywhere from Tulsa. To go from a tiny city to a tiny city and then drive to a tiny town is bananas.” Wilson last visited New Haven in 2014 with fellow 1491s member Thomas Ryan Redcorn to paint two murals for the Yale University Native American Student Center. Besides Wilson, Redcorn and Harjo, the other founding members of The 1491s are Dallas Goldtooth and Migizi Pensoneau. Ting calls the Rep rendition of “Between Two Knees” a new production but also an old production. “One of the nice things this time around is that at OSF we did not have the final scene of the play until we were well into technical rehearsals. The story of this play at Ashland is that we started rehearsals with an incomplete play, then we started tech with an incomplete play, and arguably we opened the show with an incomplete play.

And, you know, the guys write by consensus, so there would be complete rewrites of whole scenes. It had this glorious chaos. This time around, at Yale, they’ve given this whole rich rehearsal process. We come to it this time knowing the story that we’re telling.” Other theaters have expressed interest in “Between Two Knees,” and the play is likely to have a future beyond Yale. Ting notes that, though the writers are not there in person, they are in constant contact. Also, “there’s a photo of the 1491s hanging in our rehearsal hall, basically right above my shoulder, so I can be reminded of the guys and say, ‘Would they do this? No, they wouldn’t,’ and move on.” Now that they’re writing plays and TV shows, will The 1491s ever get back onstage as a comedy troupe? “Last time we performed was five dudes with a stinky bag full of props that everyone refused to wash,” Wilson laughs. “You shouldn’t knock that! Don’t knock that!” Ting shouts. “That’s old school!” “I don’t knock that,” he responds. “But we’re spoiled now with trailers full of props and costumes. It’s hard to go back.” *“Between Two Knees” by The 1491s, directed by Eric Ting, runs May 12 to June 4 at the Yale Repertory Theatre, 1120 Chapel St., New Haven. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. on May 21 and 28 and June 4 and a Wednesday matinee at 2 p.m. on June 1. No Tuesday performance on May 24. \$10-\$65. yalerep.org.* Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnott@courant.com.

Pfizer to spend \$11.6B on Biohaven

Connecticut-based company makes migraine treatments

Associated Press

Pfizer is spending \$11.6 billion to buy the remaining portion of migraine treatment maker Biohaven Pharmaceuticals it does not already own. The New York drug-maker said Tuesday it will pay \$148.50 in cash for each share of Biohaven, which makes Nurtec ODT for treating and preventing migraines and has another nasal spray under development. The price represents a 33% premium over Biohaven’s 90-day weighted average trading price of \$111.70 for Biohaven Pharmaceutical Holding Co. Ltd., which is based in New Haven, Connecticut. Shares of Biohaven, which had tumble below \$100 in recent weeks, soared 72% before the opening bell to about \$72. Pfizer’s stock slipped. Pfizer Inc. has been flush with cash in recent quarters, thanks in part to sales of its COVID-19 vaccine Comirnaty and now its pill treatment for the virus, Paxlovid. Those drugs brought in more than \$14 billion in sales during the recently completed first quarter. The company plans to have about \$25 billion in sales by 2030 come from new business developments. Last November, Pfizer said it would invest \$350 million in Biohaven to help sell Nurtec OTD and the spray, zavegepant, outside the United States. Pfizer said Tuesday the spray is on track for U.S. acceptance in the current quarter, and an oral gel version of it also is being developed for preventing chronic migraines. The deal for Biohaven also includes some other potential treatments in early stages of development. Other elements of Biohaven’s late-stage development pipeline will go to a new publicly traded company that keeps the Biohaven name. Shareholders of both Pfizer and Biohaven have approved the sale. It is expected to close by early 2023, once the new company spin off is completed.

‘Courage, bravery and strength’



Connecticut Children’s celebrated its first 25 years and looked ahead to the future at its hybrid gala May 7 at the Connecticut Convention Center. The event, themed on “Courage, bravery and strength,” included bagpipers, drummers and dancers, as well as silent and live auctions, and was held in support of Connecticut Children’s medical care and community health and wellness programs. **SEAN FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Connecticut is losing state workers fast

Here’s what lawmakers are telling Gov. Lamont


By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

As projected state employee retirements surged again Monday, Gov. Ned Lamont signed a new budget that will encourage agencies to fill positions quickly. Nearly 4,200 employees have either retired since Jan. 1 or filed their written intentions to do so before July 1, Comptroller Natalie Braswell’s office reported. That’s up 9% from the retirement tally released less than two weeks ago. That number is projected to keep growing over the next seven weeks, after which more stringent limits on state worker retirement benefits, negotiated as part of a 2017 union concessions package, take effect. With many legislators and union leaders saying state agencies and departments face a staffing crisis, lawmakers built a new safeguard into the budget to ensure hiring remains a priority — because keeping positions open to save money has been a hallmark of the Lamont administration. The legislature routinely orders the governor to find millions of dollars in savings once the fiscal

year is underway. The new budget sets a savings target of \$140 million. Sen. Cathy Osten, D-Sprague, and Rep. Toni E. Walker, D-New Haven, the co-chairs of the Appropriations Committee, added policy language this year prohibiting the administration from reducing any departmental budgets as long as the state is in the black. “We wanted to make sure we’re paying attention to what we had funded — and that everything we had funded was put out the door,” said Osten. Those savings targets aren’t unrealistic. New programs don’t always start on time. An unanticipated flurry of competitive bidders may drive down the cost of one project or another. But the easiest way to save money in an operation as large as state government, usually, is simply to delay filling vacant positions. Since he took office in 2019, Lamont has far exceeded savings targets, often by leaving jobs vacant. The CT Mirror reported that Executive Branch agencies — excluding public colleges and universities — had collectively filled 25,700 of the 30,080 positions authorized for them in the state budget. The 17% vacancy rate is almost double where it stood just two years ago. This has raised concerns within the legislature’s Appropriations

Committee, whose members say the ongoing health crisis makes it vital to maintain service levels. In Lamont’s first fiscal year, 2019-20, his budget office saved \$544.1 million in the General Fund, more than two-and-a-half times the \$209.2 million target lawmakers sought. Almost \$200 million of that savings was in the Department of Social Services and driven largely by expanded federal Medicaid payments during the worst of the pandemic, but the remainder still surpassed the legislature’s goal. The administration stayed closer to target in 2020-21, saving \$65 million more than the \$309 million mark set by the legislature. But this fiscal year, the savings erupted again. Lamont’s budget office projects that by June 30 it will have topped \$527 million — almost 10 times the \$54 million target set by the legislature. Early indications are that state finances will remain in the black. The budget that takes effect July 1 was crafted with a built-in surplus of almost \$300 million, equal to a little more than 1.3% of the General Fund. More importantly, state revenues have been trending upward throughout the current fiscal year. Analysts say the budget will close June 30 with a \$2.1 billion General Fund surplus and another \$2.7

billion captured by a special revenue savings program, meaning state finances are on pace this fiscal year to close more than \$4.8 billion in the black. Lamont has said he also is committed to preserving the state’s workforce as the retirement surge continues. “Our statewide human resources team is working diligently to refill positions using innovative technology, actively reaching out to organizations and individuals to help ensure we have a representative workforce and using resources like licensing data to recruit qualified applicants for these roles,” Lamont spokeswoman Lora Rae Anderson said earlier this month. The governor negotiated, and the legislature ratified, new four-year wage contracts with bargaining units representing the bulk of the state’s workforce. The contracts include 2.5% annual cost-of-living hikes, step increases — adding another 2 or 2.5 percentage points to the pay of all but the most senior workers — and \$3,500 in bonuses spread across this spring and summer. The nearly 4,200 retirements and projected retirements so far this calendar year already is roughly double the level state government normally sees every 12 months.



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"Ferry Point Safe Harbor Marina" Application for Modification to Special Exception Permit & Coastal Site Plan Review to add a 720 s.f. open air pavilion. 29 Essex Road Assessor's Map 59, Lot 83, MI District, CAM Zone, CT River Gateway Conservation Zone.
Applicant: SHM Ferry Point, LLC
Agent: Joe Wren, PE.

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At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission

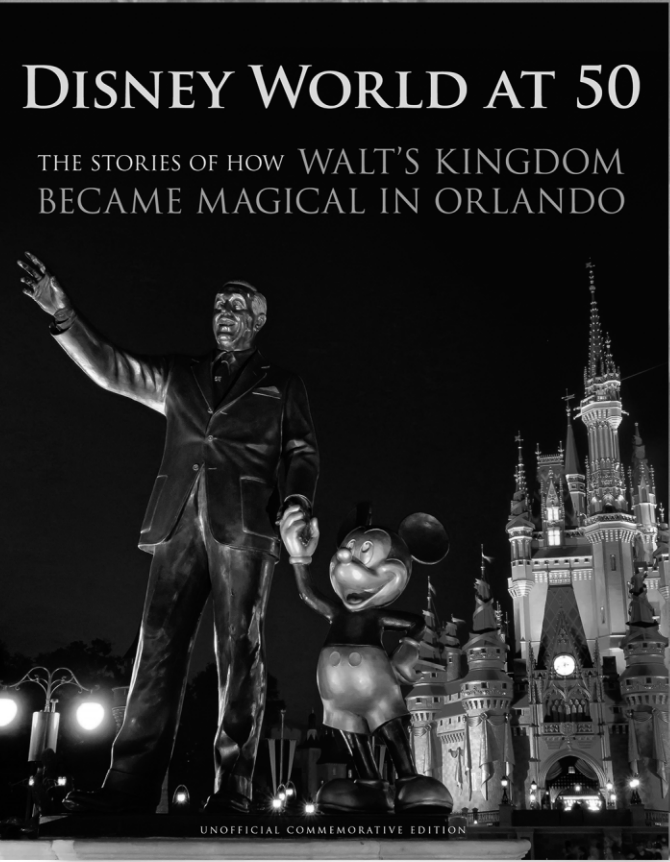
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Gas prices have drivers feeling pain at the pump

As summer nears and war in Ukraine rages, experts say relief won't come soon

By Cathy Bussewitz and Julie Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just as Americans gear up for summer road trips, the price of oil remains stubbornly high, pushing up prices at the gas pump.

Drivers were paying \$4.37 for a gallon of regular Tuesday, on average, according to AAA. That's 25 cents higher than a month ago, and \$1.40 more than a year ago.

"The price of gas is ridiculous," said Joel Baxter, a nurse, who was filling up his car in the Brooklyn borough of New York so he could commute 26 miles to work. "The money, your salary, is practically the same, and everything is going up, so they should do something about it."

The high price of oil is the main cause of the biting gasoline prices. A barrel of U.S. benchmark crude was selling for around \$100 a barrel Tuesday, a price tag that has been climbing throughout the year. The high price of oil is largely because many buyers are refusing to purchase Russian oil because of its invasion of Ukraine.

The European Union is considering an embargo on oil from Russia, which is a major supplier. Those pressures leave less oil to go around.

Drivers such as Baxter say they wish the government could step in to help, although few can say what solution that would bring lasting relief.

"There are very few things that a president can do to help lower the cost of oil, and this administration tried to do pretty much everything that it can," said Andrew Gross, spokesman for AAA.

President Joe Biden released oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in November and March, hoping to reduce prices. That helped temporarily, but prices shot back up and stayed stubbornly high.

As the war Russia is waging on Ukraine continues and demand for gasoline continues to grow, experts are not expecting relief at the pump anytime soon.

"We will see this trend continue probably throughout summer, mainly because of demand," Gross said. "The weather's getting warmer. The days are getting nicer.

People are hitting the road."

That's particularly hard on people who drive for a living, or those who must drive to get to work.

"It's expensive," said Peter Lector, 28, who spent \$60 Tuesday to fill up his tank in Brooklyn. "I'm doing Uber, so it's costing me a lot of money every morning."

If the price of gasoline keeps going up, he feels like he might have to find another job, he said.

Still others have accepted that high gasoline prices may be here to stay.

"It is what it is," said David Stephen, who was also buying gasoline in Brooklyn. "Everything goes up, never comes down. ... You can't do anything about it."

The reports of Tuesday's gas prices come the day before the federal government releases its latest monthly data on inflation, which has reached the highest level since December 1981.

Economists expect consumer prices to moderate to 6.9% on average this year before falling to 2.4% in 2024, according to a Bloomberg News survey earlier this month.

Federal judge set to decide damages over opioid crisis

By Mark Gillispie
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — How much money should CVS, Walgreens and Walmart pharmacies pay two Ohio counties in damages to help them ease the effects of the opioid crisis?

That's the question in front of a federal judge in Cleveland, who began hearing testimony on Tuesday after a jury found the three giant pharmacy chains responsible last fall for recklessly distributing massive amounts of pain pills in Lake and Trumbull counties. It was the first time pharmacies in the U.S. have been held responsible for the opioid crisis.

Plaintiff's attorneys said before trial that each county needs about \$1 billion to repair the damage caused by the flood of pills, which caused hundreds of overdose deaths.

Around 80 million prescription painkillers were dispensed in Trumbull County between 2012 and 2016 — 400 for every county resident — while 61 million pills were dispensed in Lake County during that five-year period — 265 pills for every resident.

Back in November, a jury in U.S. District Judge Dan Polster's courtroom sided with the counties and agreed that the way the pharmacies dispensed pain medication played an outsized role in creating a public nuisance.

Now the counties are expected to present testimony from doctors to discuss the harm suffered by those communities, the opioid crisis' impact on child welfare and other county agencies, and an abatement plan created for the counties.

Across the U.S., many lawsuits filed by governments over the toll of the drugs have been resolved in recent years — most with settlements, and some with judgments or verdicts in trials. So far, drug makers, distributors and pharmacies have agreed to settlements totaling well over \$40 billion, according to an Associated Press tally.

Trials are underway in courts in West Virginia, Florida and California.

There were nearly 500,000 deaths caused by legal and illegal opioids between 2000 and 2019, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Facebook sued by ex-moderator

KAMPALA, Uganda — Attorneys for a man who once worked as a content moderator for Facebook have filed a lawsuit accusing the company of exploitative and unsafe working conditions.

The case against Meta Platforms, Facebook's parent company, and the outsourcing firm Sama was lodged Tuesday with a court in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

Daniel Motaung's petition "calls upon Kenya's courts to order Facebook and its outsourcing companies to end exploitation in its Nairobi moderation hub." The lawsuit notes that content moderators must view "toxic content" including graphic violence, exposing them to mental health issues. It also seeks orders for Facebook and Sama to respect moderators' right to unionize.

Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



High school students pass a fence around the Supreme Court building last week in Washington. PETE MAROVICH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Leak probe exposes gray area

No law suggests any remedies following the release of high court draft on Roe v. Wade

By Jeremy W. Peters
The New York Times

There is a well-established but uneven pattern in U.S. law that applies to government secrets and the journalists who uncover them. The First Amendment generally protects the publication of a leak but not the leaker.

An authority no less than the Supreme Court has made it this way.

In 1971, as the justices prepared to rule that the government could not prevent The New York Times from publishing the Pentagon Papers — one of the biggest leak cases in history — the source of that leak, Daniel Ellsberg, was indicted by a federal grand jury for theft.

The court is now grappling with one of the most significant disclosures of a government secret since then: the release of a draft opinion that sets the framework for overturning Roe v. Wade.

Only this time the leak came from inside the building. And there is no law or written code of conduct that suggests how an inves-

tigation into such a breach should proceed or whether the journalists at Politico who brought the draft to light will be swept up in the kind of criminal investigation that top Republican lawmakers have demanded.

Unlike the Pentagon Papers, the government study of the country's involvement in Vietnam, the draft opinion was not classified information. Leaking classified information is a crime. Instead, the recent leak broke the Supreme Court's conventions for secrecy, an offense that has been punishable with almost certain career death but little else.

Given the magnitude of the leak and the aggressiveness with which federal prosecutors have pursued high-profile leakers and journalists in recent years, a criminal investigation is not unthinkable, legal experts said. And while no one is suggesting that Politico broke any laws in the course of publishing its article about the draft opinion, that does not mean the journalists involved would be spared from government pressure to reveal their sources if a grand jury was convened to consider charges against the leaker.

"I think it's pretty clear there is at least enough for a grand jury to investigate," said Eugene Volokh, a First Amendment expert at the UCLA law school. "The interesting

question is to what extent there's going to be a subpoena to a reporter."

Often the government will decline to pursue journalists, Volokh added, noting how that could end up happening here. Attorney General Merrick Garland has issued a new policy that, with some exceptions, bars federal prosecutors from subpoenaing news media records or testimony. But as a legal matter, Volokh said, "I think subpoenaing the reporter would be constitutional."

Media outlets and federal prosecutors have for decades been at loggerheads over whether journalists can be forced to reveal their sources in criminal leak investigations. In recent cases, the Justice Department has obtained phone records and emails from reporters in pursuit of leakers. Many of those cases involved the release of classified information.

The Supreme Court prides itself on a strict, lawyerly but nonbinding adherence to confidentiality. That has been enough to make the court the most impenetrable of the government's three branches, its inner workings shrouded in secrecy and mostly absent from the bombshell tell-alls that are part and parcel of Washington journalism.

Chief Justice John Roberts has announced an internal inquiry.

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An Indigenous chief stands before a path created by loggers on the border near a biological reserve and Menkragnotire lands in Altamira, Brazil. LEO CORREA/AP 2019

Record deforestation upticks raise alarm in Brazil Amazon

By Fabiano Maisonnave
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Deforestation detected in the Brazilian Amazon broke all records for April, and that followed similar records set in January and February, reflecting a worrisome uptick in destruction in a state deep within the rainforest.

Satellite alerts of deforestation for April corresponded to nearly 400 square miles, the highest figure for that month in seven years of record-keeping and 74% more than the same month in 2021, which was the prior record.

It marked the first time that deforestation alerts have surpassed 385 square miles during a month in the rainy season, which runs from December to April.

“The April number is very scary. Due to the rain, it is traditionally a month with less deforestation,” said Suely Araujo, senior public policy specialist at the Climate Observatory, a network of environmental groups.

The data come from the Brazilian space agency’s Deter monitoring system

and correspond to the first 29 days of April. Full-month figures will be available next week.

Deter data previously showed 267 square miles of deforestation this January, more than quadruple the level in the same month last year. In February, it reached 123 square miles, up 62% from 2021.

The Amazon is the world’s largest tropical rainforest and an enormous carbon sink. There is widespread concern that its destruction will not only release massive amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, further complicating hopes of arresting climate change, but also push it past a tipping point after which much of the forest will begin an irreversible process of degradation into tropical savannah.

Amazonas state led deforestation in April, overtaking the states of both Para and Mato Grosso for only the second time on record. That is particularly worrisome, as Amazonas is deep in the rainforest and has remained pristine relative to the so-called arc of deforestation along areas used for agriculture and cattle-raising.

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“Amazonas is still a very preserved state. If deforestation explodes there, we will lose control of a region that is outside the traditional deforestation region,” Araujo, a former president of Brazil’s environment regulator, said by phone.

Amazonas’ destruction has been concentrated in the southern part of the state, where President Jair Bolsonaro has promised to pave a 250-mile dirt stretch of the BR-319 highway that connects the cities of Manaus and Porto Velho.

Anticipation of the paving has generated real estate speculation alongside the highway; land grabbers engage in large-scale deforestation with the expectation that the areas will become legal for agriculture or cattle-raising in the future.

A study released last week by the BR-319 Observatory, a network of environmental nonprofits, revealed a more-than-1,800-mile network of secondary roads in reach of the highway.

The roads are used primarily to get to areas desired by land grabbers and loggers.

China trade falls after cities shut down to combat virus

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — China’s export growth tumbled in April as global demand weakened, adding to pressure on the world’s second-largest economy after Shanghai and other industrial cities were shut down to fight virus outbreaks.

Exports rose 3.7% over a year earlier to \$273.6 billion, down sharply from March’s 15.7% growth, customs data showed this week. Reflecting weak Chinese demand, imports crept up 0.7% to \$222.5 billion, in line with the previous month’s growth below 1%.

Demand for Chinese exports is under pressure from high inflation and interest rate hikes in the United States and other major markets and consumer uncertainty about the economic outlook and job prospects.

Companies and investors worry the ruling Communist Party’s “zero-COVID” strategy that temporarily closed most businesses in Shanghai and other industrial centers will disrupt global trade and activity in autos, electronics and other industries.

“Virus disruptions continued to take a toll, but the main headwind to exports is weakening foreign demand,” said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics in a report. “We expect export volumes to fall further over the coming quarters.”

Forecasters expect Chinese industrial activity to improve this month as infections ease, but President Xi Jinping last week affirmed Beijing’s commitment to “zero-COVID,” prompting expectations it will weigh on manufacturing, retailing and trade.

Exports to the United States rose 9.5% to \$46 billion despite lingering tariff hikes in a fight over Beijing’s technology ambi-



A container ship from Japan is anchored late last month at Shanghai’s Yangshan Port in eastern China. China’s export growth tumbled in April. CHEN JIANLI/XINHUA

tions. Imports of American goods advanced 0.9% to \$13.8 billion.

China’s trade surplus widened by 19.4% to \$51.1 billion while the politically volatile surplus with the United States contracted by 65% to \$9.8 billion.

China’s case numbers in its latest outbreaks are relatively low, but Beijing’s insistence on isolating every infected person kept most of Shanghai’s 25 million people confined to their homes. Access to Guangzhou, a manufacturing and trading center in the south, and industrial center Changchun in the northeast were suspended.

Authorities have eased controls on Shanghai and allowed millions out of their homes, but restrictions have tightened in Beijing and some other cities.

Managers of the Port of Shanghai, the world’s busiest, say it is functioning normally, but figures they cite for daily cargo volume it handles are down 30% from normal. Shippers say they are avoiding the port out of concern there aren’t enough truck drivers available to carry their goods.

Auto factories and other manufacturers that tried to keep operating by having staff live at their facilities were forced to reduce or

stop production because supplies of components were disrupted.

Consumer demand for imports has been depressed by an official campaign to cut debt in China’s vast real estate industry, which supports millions of jobs. That triggered an economic slowdown in the second half of 2021.

Weak Chinese demand can have global repercussions, depressing imports of oil, iron ore, industrial components and consumer goods.

Exports to the 27-nation European Union rose 8% to \$43.1 billion while imports of European goods gained 12.5% to \$23.4 billion. China’s trade surplus with Europe widened by 49.6% to \$19.6 billion.

Imports from Russia, a major gas supplier, jumped 56.6% over a year earlier to \$8.9 billion, possibly reflecting the surge in global energy prices due to jitters over supply disruptions caused by Moscow’s war on Ukraine.

Beijing has criticized trade and financial sanctions imposed on Moscow by the United States, Europe and Japan. But Chinese companies appear to be abiding by them while trying to guard against possible losses in dealings with Russia.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

↓ DOW

32,160.74 -84.96

↓ 10-YR T-BOND

2.99% -0.09

↓ GOLD

\$1,839.90 -17.20

34,120

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31,880

37,000

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10 DAYS

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 32,160.74

Change: -84.96 (-0.3%)

Commodities			
	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	99.76	103.09	+32.64%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.39	7.03	+97.99%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.54	3.64	+58.93%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,839.90	1,857.10	+68%
Silver (oz)	21.39	21.78	-8.31%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates		
ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx		PREV. CLOSE WK.	
Britain	1.2313	.8121	Prime rate	4.00 3.50
Canada	.7678	1.3025	3-mo. T-Bill	0.90 0.91
China	.1485	6.7347	6-mo. T-Bill	1.43 1.44
Euro	1.0531	.9496	5-yr T-Note	2.91 3.01
Japan	.007668	130.42	10-yr T-Note	2.99 2.96
Mexico	.049102	20.3658	30-yr T-Bond	3.13 3.01

Global Markets			
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD
Frankfurt	13,534.74	+154.07	+1.15% -14.79%
London	7,243.22	+26.64	+3.7% -1.91%
Hong Kong	19,633.69	-368.27	-1.84% -16.09%
Nikkei	26,167.10	-152.24	-5.8% -9.12%

Domestic Indexes			
	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,160.74	-84.96	-11.50%
DOW Trans.	14,462.28	-8.08	-12.23%
DOW Util.	984.23	-13.82	+3.5%
NYSE Comp.	15,025.74	-32.13	-12.46%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,737.67	+114.42	-24.97%
S&P 500	4,001.05	+9.81	-16.05%
S&P 400	2,389.58	-7.36	-15.92%
Wilshire 5000	39,634.16	+47.62	-18.21%
Russell 2000	1,761.79	-.29	-21.53%

Stocks of Local Interest							
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	11.84	-.68	-56.5	Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	197.65	+1.44	-41.2
AT&T Inc (T)	19.36	-.19	-21.3	MetLife Inc (MET)	64.81	-.83	+3.7
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	88.73	+2.37	-38.3	Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	269.50	+4.92	-19.9
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.57	+.25	-7.7	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.95	-.13	-81.8
Amphenol Corp (APH)	69.04	-.05	-21.1	Novartis AG (NVS)	84.39	+.91	-3.5
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.62	+.03	-15.3	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	175.95	+6.45	-40.2
Apple Inc (AAPL)	154.51	+2.45	-13.0	Occid Petl (OXY)	59.41	+1.57	+104.9
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.12	-.16	-11.5	Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	5.86	-.14	-59.9
Bank of America (BAC)	35.76	-.61	-19.6	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	72.77	-.54	-16.4
Barnes Group (B)	32.24	-.71	-30.8	PG&E Corp (PCG)	11.77	-.32	-3.0
Bausch Health Cos (BHC)	9.40	-3.50	-66.0	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	7.29	-.17	-60.0
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2044.98	+21.41	-14.8	Peloton Interactive (PTON)	12.90	-1.23	-63.9
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.29	+.02	+22.4	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.49	+.85	-16.2
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	98.16	-.70	-4.8	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.55	-.18	-31.4
Carnival Corp (CCL)	14.19	+.05	-29.5	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	104.25	-.86	-3.7
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	38.09	-.04	-29.8	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.33	-.73	+2.4
Charter Communlc (CHTR)	468.23	+4.56	-28.2	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.69	-.06	+6.5
Cigna Corp (CI)	260.65	-.76	+13.5	Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	272.00	...	-4
Citigroup (C)	48.75	-1.14	-19.3	Roblox Corp (RBLX)	23.19	-1.42	-77.5
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	40.30	+.54	-19.9	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	60.28	-.09	-26.5
Cyngn Inc (CYN)	5.04	+.79	+12.0	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	22.89	-.50	-51.3
Desktop Metal (DM)	1.33	-2.09	-73.1	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.25	-.72	-66.8
Disney (DIS)	107.68	+.70	-30.5	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	121.49	-4.17	-35.6
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	102.52	-1.00	-29.9	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.70	+.03	-6.6
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	10.69	-.14	+57.9	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.40	-.01	-30.8
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.20	-.15	-7.9	Terex Corp (TEX)	32.98	-.54	-25.0
Eversource Energy (ES)	89.13	-1.41	-2.0	Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	4.29	-.10	-39.0
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.31	-.07	-65.2	Travelers Cos (TRV)	172.99	+1.07	+10.6
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	85.02	+.56	+38.9	Uber Technologies (UBER)	23.67	+.62	-43.5
Ford Motor (F)	13.35	-.02	-35.7	United Rentals (URI)	293.69	+6.87	-11.6
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.34	-.16	-35.8	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	488.01	+1.59	-2.8
Gen Dynamics (GD)	229.30	-.07	+10.0	Upstart Holdings Inc (UPST)	33.61	-43.52	-77.8
Gen Electric (GE)	73.31	+.34	-22.4	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	171.41	+1.22	-42.3
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	70.02	-.78	+.14	Voya Financial (VOYA)	62.89	-.34	-5.2
Honeywell Intl (HON)	194.77	+.81	-6.6	Vroom Inc (VRM)	1.43	+.35	-86.7
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.10	...	-24.0	Webster Financial (WBS)	46.92	-.26	-16.0
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.76	-.06	-21.9	White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1124.74	-12.37	+10.9
Intel Corp (INTC)	44.01	+.94	-14.5	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	57.92	+2.41	+17.4
Kaman (KAMN)	33.88	-1.01	-21.5	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	52.95	+2.08	-31.6
Keycorp (KEY)	18.92	-.26	-18.2	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.35	+.11	-23.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	55.09	-.68	-19.3	Zynga Inc (ZNGA)	7.58	-.11	+18.4
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	15.95	-.40	-58.1				
M&T Bank (MTB)	165.83	-2.20	+8.0				
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	36.20	+1.06	-19.3				
MICT Inc (MICT)	.71	+.17	-14.5				

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Writer Sarah Balcomb and her daughter, Sally, 9, on April 7 at home in Lexington, Virginia. **MATT EICH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

More kids? No thanks.

By Emily Gould
The New York Times

Two children had always been the plan for Anna Carey, and in early 2020 she was getting ready to start trying to conceive. Her daughter had just turned 2, and she and her husband were living happily, albeit far from family, in Toronto, where Carey had a part-time job at a marketing firm.

Of course, we all know what happened next.

With no safe child care options during a pandemic, Carey was forced to quit her marketing job in August 2020 to care for her daughter. What had felt almost certain a few months earlier now seemed unthinkable.

“We couldn’t imagine going through another pregnancy, birth and newborn phase with so few options for support,” she said.

For a while, she still held out hope that the situation would improve before her 35th birthday this July, which for genetic health reasons, she and her husband, Graham, had always considered a cutoff.

The final straw, though, was seeing how the pandemic revealed a glaring lack of structural support for families. Now, Carey said, she feels sad but resolute about her decision. “The new realization of just how little society values kids and parents — especially mothers — in any way beyond lip service was a major deterrent.”

The real stakes of parenting through some of the worst times in recent history have proved to be a potent form of birth control

Certainly, many people have had pandemic babies. But for some older millennials who already had one or more children heading into the pandemic, the real stakes of parenting through some of the worst times to be a parent in recent history have proved to be a potent form of birth control.

Slogging through pandemic life, with all its unpredictable setbacks and derailments, has had a similar feeling to postpartum life, but without the silver lining of an adorable newborn. Adding an actual newborn to the mix? Forget about it, say some, at least for now, and probably forever.

There’s another, more straightforward aspect of pandemic birth control: waning fertility. While many aspects of life have felt like they were on hold for two years, time did continue to pass, a meaningful consideration for people who had the tail end of their 30s drip down the drain as they gained dubious new skills in Zoom and sourdough baking. What may have seemed like an exciting possibility to some, at, say, 38, seems, at 40, more like a daunting set of fiscal and, for women, physiological hurdles to clear.

For other older parents, the changes wrought by the

pandemic helped clarify their limitations, in ways that were painful even as they brought them something akin to wisdom.

Sarah Balcomb, a writer who has a 9-year-old daughter and lives in Lexington, Virginia, realized that she was permanently done with reproduction the way that Hemingway once described going broke: gradually, and then all at once.

Balcomb, who is 47, had been trying various fertility treatments for years, and, in early 2020, was contemplating a round of IVF, which her insurance would cover. But she and her husband adopted a puppy in late March, and the nighttime trips from crate to yard and back gave her visceral flashbacks to the punishing first months of life with a human newborn.

On the second night, she said, the sleep deprivation produced a revelation. As she went to answer the puppy’s whimpers, “The weight of all of it came crashing down on me,” she said, listing the pandemic, polarized politics, climate change, economic inequality and systemic racism among the reasons. “I knew that night it was over.”

Now, she said, though she has some regrets about her daughter not having a sibling,

there is nothing that could change her mind short of a sudden utopia breaking out. “Even if we were super-wealthy and could hire full-time help, no thanks. If the planet was miraculously fixed and there was no more war and we were wealthy, well, then. ...”

And then there are pandemic divorces. For the parents of young children who didn’t make it through the pandemic with their relationships intact, the prospect of having more children seems much less likely than it once might have.

This was the case for Tully Mills, 40, a former chef and illustrator who lives in Longmont, Colorado, with his 2 ½-year-old daughter.

“The reality of not having a second kid set in gradually after the first year of COVID,” he said. “Everything was so uncertain, and survival mode was kicking in.” He and his former partner now co-parent happily, but he no longer imagines having more children, even with a future partner.

There is still a shadow epidemic of burnout among parents who lived through 2020 and 2021 with children at home who were too young even for screen time. The prospect of doubling down

on babies can feel especially unappealing for the parents who are still reeling from taking on unexpected duties with no recognition or social support.

For months in the spring and early summer of 2020, before data about the relative safety of outdoor activities became available, most playgrounds in North America were closed, along with schools and day cares for all but essential workers. In urban areas, children could play in public parks and on the sidewalk, but were mostly trapped in small living spaces with their parents and siblings for months on end. The impact of those months on parents of young children is still unfolding.

Demographers have known for years that the birthrate in America is going nowhere but down, with causes that range from the extremely obvious — student debt, poverty, climate change — to the purely speculative.

It’s incontrovertible, though, that the pandemic caused an immediate drop in births: In December 2020, about nine months into the pandemic, births declined by about 8% — the largest decline of any month in that ever-so-challenging year — compared with the same month the year before.

Whether the instability and catastrophic lack of child care many families have experienced since then has curtailed fertility overall won’t be quantifiable for a few more years.

EX-ETIQUETTE

Grown children are not happy about dad’s new relationship

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q: My wife of 38 years died five years ago after a very long bout with cancer. I have three married children. It was a happy marriage, and the kids miss their mother very much. I do, too, but after living with her cancer for five years, once she passed, I was ready to just have some fun. Two years

ago, I finally met someone. I feel very fortunate to have had two great loves in my life and we are talking marriage. My kids are very upset. They are concerned I will forget their mother and they are worried about their inheritance. It’s causing me a lot of stress and I find myself avoiding them. What’s good ex-etiquette?

A: So many think, “Since my children are now adults, of course, they will

understand.” It is true for some things. But when it comes to moving on after a breakup or death of their other parent, adult children have an equally difficult time adjusting to someone new as a young child does. It may be even more difficult.

If you appear happier than you have been in a long time, your children probably are afraid you are forgetting their mother.

And if you are avoiding them, it may look to them like you are forgetting about them, too. To them, it may look like you are avoiding them because of this new person. Check the message you are sending.

It’s quite common when you realize a beloved partner is terminal to begin the mourning process while they are still with us, especially if they are bedridden or incapacitated in some

way. Children, particularly adult children, may not see it that way. They often begin their mourning once their parent passes.

That means, make sure both of you are listening to each other and are truly sharing with each other how you feel. And make sure that your kids know no one can ever replace their mother, but you are very grateful that you will not have to spend the rest of



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your life alone. Finally, children, of any age, may have a voice — that’s respect — but a voice is not a choice. That is up to you.

CELEBRITIES

Bono memoir to be released Nov. 1

From news services

The long-rumored memoir by Bono, U2’s frontman, is coming out Nov. 1. Alfred A. Knopf announced Tuesday that the book, first signed up in 2015 but not officially disclosed at the time, will be called “Surrender.” Reports that he had a deal date back to at least 2019.

“When I started to write this book, I was hoping to draw in detail what I’d previously only sketched in songs,” the 62-year-old Irish singer and activist born Paul David Hewson, said in a statement. “The people, places and possibilities in my life. ‘Surrender’ is a word freighted with meaning for me. Growing up in Ireland in the ’70s with my fists up (musically speaking), it was not a natural concept ... I am still grappling with this most humbling of commands. In the band, in my marriage, in my faith, in my life as an activist. ‘Surrender’ is the story of one pilgrim’s lack of progress ... With a fair amount of fun along the way.”

The book’s subtitle is “40 Songs, One Story,” a reference to the structure of “Surrender”: 40 chapters, each named for a U2 song. The band’s many hits include “With Or Without You,” “Sunday Bloody Sunday” and “Where the Streets Have No Name.”

But Bono’s not the only one with a memoir: Oscar winner Geena Davis has a memoir coming out this fall, titled “Dying of Politeness.” HarperOne, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, announced Tuesday that the book will be published Oct. 11. According to the publisher, Davis will share “laugh-out tales” about her modeling career and provide candid accounts of her films and co-stars.

Davis, 66, won an Oscar for her supporting perfor-



The long-rumored memoir by U2 frontman Bono, who is seen Dec. 12, is titled “Surrender.” **RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION**

mance in “The Accidental Tourist” and was nominated for best actor for “Thelma & Louise.” In 2019, the academy presented her the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for her advocacy for gender equality in media.

“For everything I put into ... (my) roles, I’ve taken far more away. I’ve been blessed to practice living a different life — a bolder, freer and more authentic one — on screen,” Davis said. “In this book, I’ll reveal the ways in which my public life — the movies, the advocacy and my relationships — have impacted and empowered the private me, and, I hope, inspire my readers to expand their own sense of power.”

Colbert halts more ‘Late Show’ episodes: Exactly a week after returning to “The Late Show” after a bout of COVID-19, host Stephen Colbert canceled the taping of more new episodes due to “a

recurrence” of the virus.

“Stephen is experiencing symptoms consistent with a recurrence of COVID,” said a Monday tweet on the CBS show’s Twitter account, notifying fans that the show will be extending its break. “Out of an abundance of caution for his staff, guests, and audience, he will be isolating for a few additional days. The Late Show will not be taping new episodes until further notice.”

It’s unclear whether Colbert contracted the disease anew or never fully recovered from his first bout with it.

May 11 birthdays: Singer Eric Burdon is 81. Actor Pam Ferris is 74. Actor Shohreh Aghdashloo is 70. Actor Frances Fisher is 70. Actor Boyd Gaines is 69. MTV VJ Martha Quinn is 63. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 58. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 54. Actor Coby Bell is 47. Actor Jonathan Jackson is 40. Singer Prince Royce is 33.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Mom wants to keep news of first kid secret

Dear Amy: Fifty-five years ago, when I was young and stupid, I had a child out of wedlock and placed the baby up for adoption.

Fast-forward to now. I am married to a different man and have a 48-year-old daughter and a 38-year-old son.

I have two grandchildren. My husband knows about my indiscretion, but it never comes up in discussion.

Sometimes I struggle with the question: Do my adult children have the right to know that they have a half-brother somewhere? My gut tells me no.

I know my husband would definitely be against telling our kids about this. We are elderly people and just want to live peaceful lives.

Did I just answer my own question? I’m wondering what you think.

— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: As long as you see this long-ago pregnancy only as a mistake, an indiscretion or something that resulted from your own stupidity, you won’t have any motivation to tell the story.

I see this as an important and very rich part of your own personal history.

Alas, I cannot answer your question for you. Yes, I do believe your children have the right to know about a sibling. Not knowing anything about you — or them — I’d like to think that your children might be shocked but would ultimately be very understanding about this choice.

The child you gave birth to might also be searching for his own biological relatives.

Yes, you have the legal

right to deny him this knowledge, but — should you?

I do know this: The ubiquity of household DNA testing kits is forcing a lot of stories like yours out into the open. A simple dab of spit can reveal all.

You can either try to control the narrative now or deal with family members down the road who would be shocked by the story, and also dismayed by your silence.

Like that long-ago choice you made, this one won’t be easy — but maybe you’ll choose a brave uncertainty over peace and quiet. It really is up to you.

A counselor would help you to sort out your thinking, and also find the right words to say.

Dear Amy: My brother is a widower and a single dad. His wife died two years ago due to cancer and he is raising his 9-year-old daughter.

He is now starting to date again and met a nice girl on a trip to another country. Even though they don’t live in the same place he is very invested in the relationship with his girlfriend. Whenever he is not working, he talks with her over the phone and video calls.

I’m very happy for him but now due to this, my niece is complaining that my brother is not given her any time. She says he spends day and night on the phone and is not spending time with her.

I have shared some time with them over the week-ends, and sadly my niece is not exaggerating.

I really don’t want to get involved, but I would like my brother to realize that

my niece is missing their father-daughter time with him. I would also like for her to understand that is nice for him to be in a relationship.

How can I help them?

— *Concerned Auntie*

Dear Concerned: You should talk to your brother about this. Ask him to be more aware of the amount of time he is devoting to this new relationship. Given that they are conducting the relationship remotely, hours spent on the phone would be very alienating to his daughter. He needs to be present for his daughter — physically, mentally and emotionally.

You should also offer to spend as much time as possible with your niece. Yes, you can explain to her that it’s a positive thing for her father to embark on another relationship, but no grieving 9-year-old is going to embrace this concept.

Dear Amy: “Nervous” wrote about how his mother-in-law interferes with their parenting — over FaceTime!

The woman isn’t even in the room with them and they allow her to control them!

— *Scratching my Head*

Dear Scratching: An overwhelming person doesn’t need to be physically present to make themselves heard. I hope these new parents draw some very firm boundaries.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Taking action to bring a dream to life should reward you. A financial component may seem less prohibitive than you thought. Your attention to detail can alert you to possibilities hiding in plain sight. Just do what you can, even if it isn’t perfect!

Taurus (April 20-May 20): An organization you’re involved with could seem unfocused today. Though you’ll probably need to acknowledge the group’s good intentions, you might also be able to talk some sense into them. Emphasize what’s right about your idea, and get things back on track.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may be very idealistic about your career or another major goal. However, if a family member pushes back, look to see whether they have a point. Reconfiguring your aims in a way that deals with your doubts can help you pursue what you want with success.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A fantasy of travel might be tickling your thoughts. Try talking to your friends, as you can accomplish more with a group than by yourself. While collaborating will probably change a few details, you’re better off. Identify must-haves versus what you’re willing to compromise.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Making realistic plans could be hard for you at this time. Throwing your resources at a speculative venture is not likely to make it perform better. Though it may seem less exciting, focusing on what you can get from more predictable sources of income should help you move forward.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be frustrated that someone doesn’t seem grounded. Try to let their plan succeed or fail on its own. Inserting yourself is likely to result in your being blamed. You’re capable of generating exciting ideas when you focus on your business, so do that instead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pushing yourself too hard at work can lead to burnout, but you might have to reach that point to get change. You need to reconfigure things to share responsibilities more fairly. While initiating this kind of conversation is often difficult, it may go better than you think.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your friends may be happy to help if you talk to them about your lack of direction in life. That said, this probably isn’t your best course of action. Letting them completely take your reins is not good for either of you. Know what advice you want before you seek it, and know when to stop.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It might seem like there’s not a predictable relationship between actions and the results you get. Perhaps there’s a discrepancy between the goals you tell yourself and what you’re really hoping to achieve. Your priorities will be revealed by your efforts, so let surprises guide your next steps.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Unclear communication could be a problem for you today. You can minimize the potential for drama if you focus on your personal experiences rather than ideas that are abstract. When you stay grounded, you may be open to different ways of solving problems.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone could block your idea to make a lot of money today. While you might think they’re focused on details that don’t really matter, the part you’re overlooking is their concern for security. They don’t feel like they can tell you what they’re really worried about.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Making an effort to focus on clear communication is vital today. You might find it easy to go off on someone who seems to be critical of you for every little thing. However, asking what they want from you can help even them discern their real grievances from ridiculous ones.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 11, 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet in Los Angeles.

In 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration was

created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal programs.

In 1981, legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36.

In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

In 2010, Conservative leader David Cameron, at age 43, became Britain’s youngest prime minister in almost 200 years after Gordon Brown stepped down.

In 2020, Jerry Stiller, best known for his role as George Costanza’s father in “Seinfeld” and earlier as part of a comedy duo with wife Anne Meara, died at 92.

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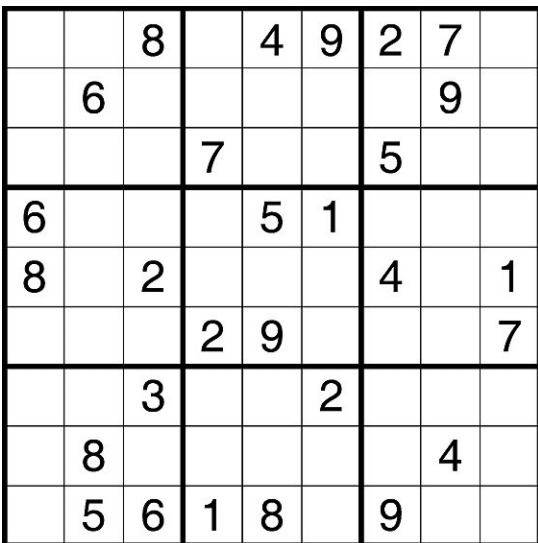
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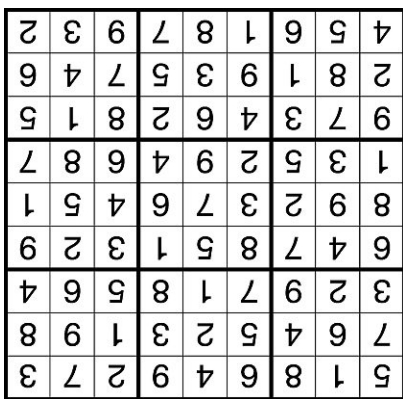


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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



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BOGGLE



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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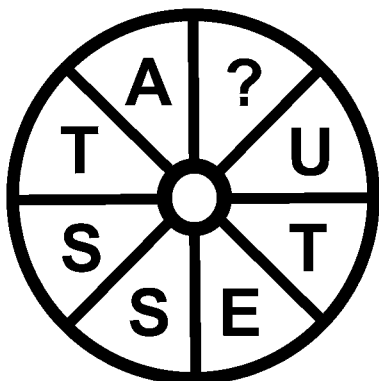
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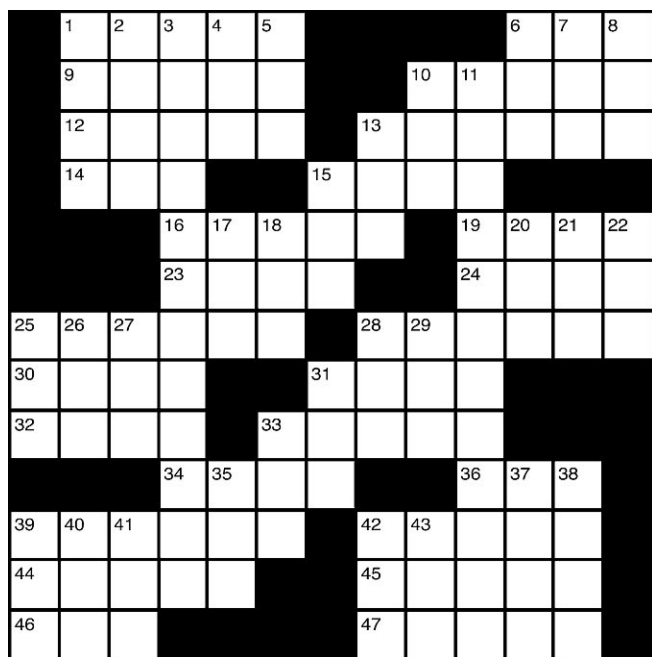


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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ACROSS

- 1 Malcolm-___ Warner; actor on
- 2 "Ten Days in the Valley"
- 3 Daniel ___ Kim
- 4 Airport in Chicago
- 5 "___ Standing"
- 6 Long-eared animals
- 7 "___ Us"
- 8 "___ Nightly News with Lester
- 9 Holt"
- 10 "___ Old Love Songs"; Waylon
- 11 Jennings hit
- 12 "___ Which Way But Loose"; film
- 13 for Clint Eastwood
- 14 Director ___ Preminger
- 15 Disney's "___ and the Trump"
- 16 Rip
- 17 Casper and others
- 18 Mary-Kate's twin
- 19 "___ the Wild Wind"; John Wayne
- 20 movie
- 21 "The Man in the ___ Flannel Suit"
- 22 film for Gregory Peck
- 23 Celebration
- 24 "The Brothers ___"; Matt
- 25 Damon/Heath Ledger movie



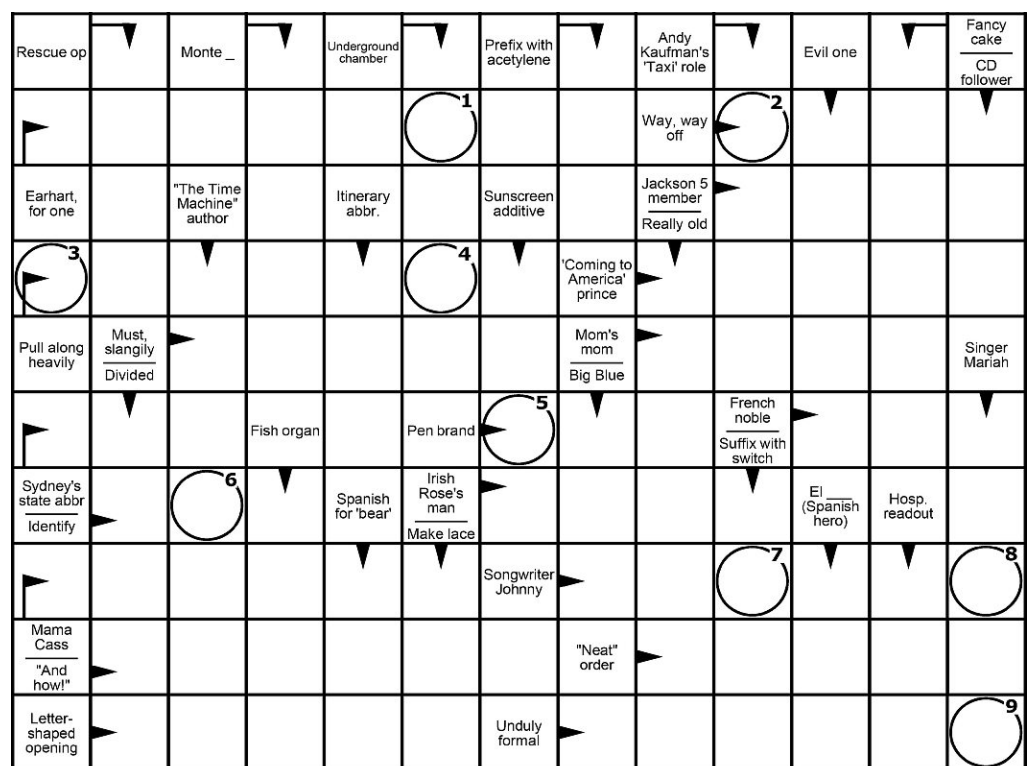
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34 Cain's

- 34 Cain's brother
- 36 George Eads series, once
- 39 Portrayer of Owen Granger on "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- 42 Mr. Philbin
- 44 "Touched by an Angel" actress
- 45 Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 46 Tourist's stopover
- 47 Honking birds
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- DOWN**
- 1 Actor Stamos
- 2 Captain in "Moby-Dick"
- 3 Actor on "The Mayor"
- 4 "Who Do You Think You ___?"
- 5 ___ Miserables"
- 6 Prefix for like or mount
- 7 Wong of "American Housewife"
- 8 Golfer Ernie
- 10 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- 11 Role on "NCIS"
- 13 "...Hallowed be ___ name..."
- 15 "___ a Little Tenderness"; song for Otis Redding
- 17 Dyer's tub
- 18 O'Neill and Begley
- 20 ___ Aviv, Israel
- 21 Edison's monogram
- 22 Suffix for direct or access
- 25 ...DDE, JFK, LBJ, RMN, ___..."
- 26 "___ Haw"
- 27 Cereal grain
- 28 Onassis, to friends
- 29 Actor Waterston
- 31 Monogram for actress Gypsy
- 33 "Hogan's Heroes" setting: abbr.
- 35 Mayberry resident
- 37 Envy and sloth
- 38 Words of understanding
- 39 Night to see "Blue Bloods": abbr.
- 40 Suffix for velvet or eight
- 41 "The ___ & Stimpny Show"
- 42 Big ___; 18-wheeler
- 43 Before, to a poet

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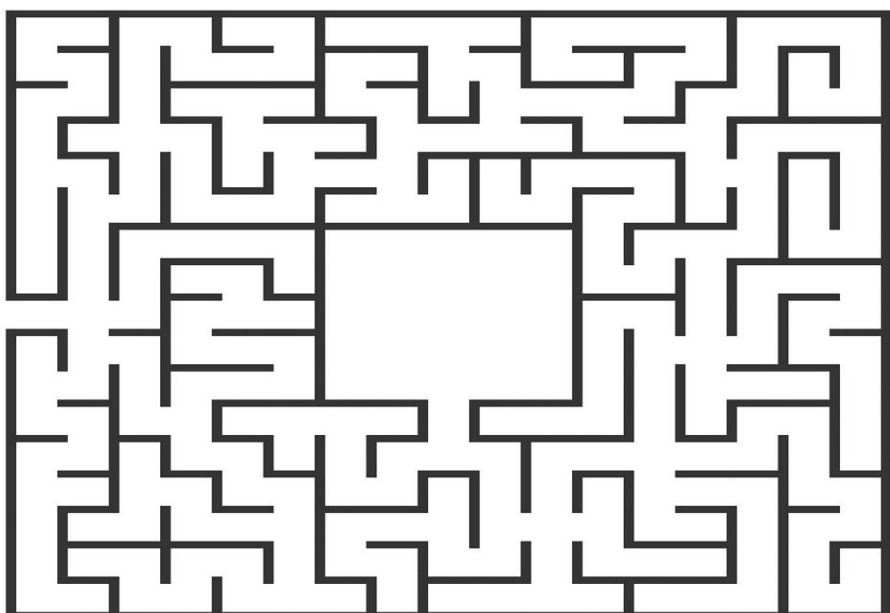
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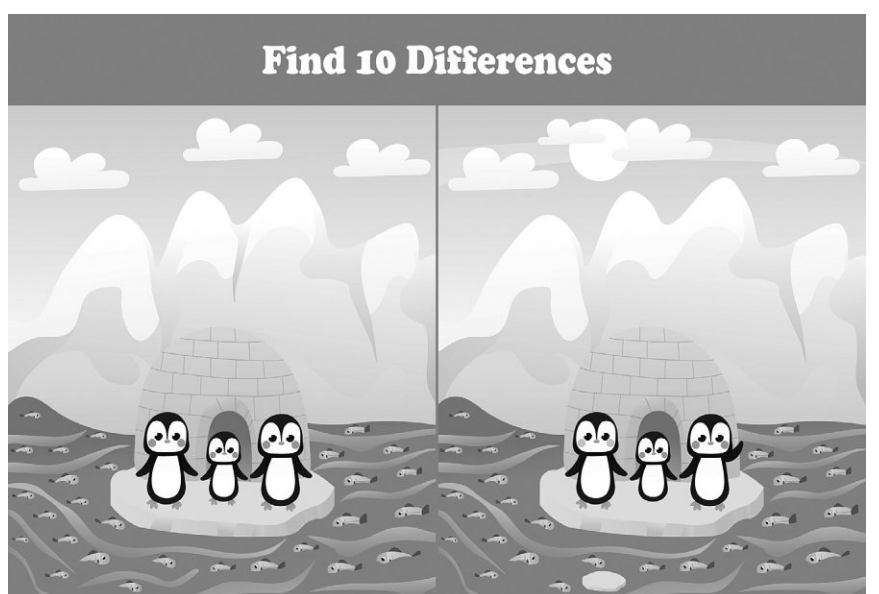
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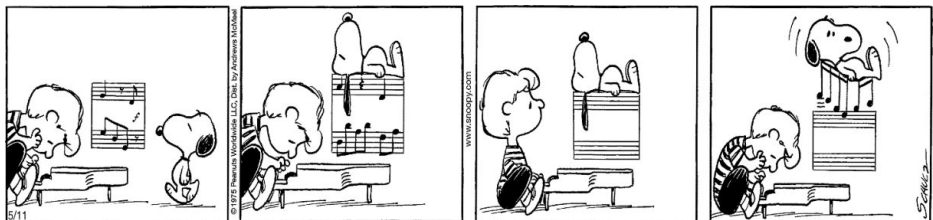
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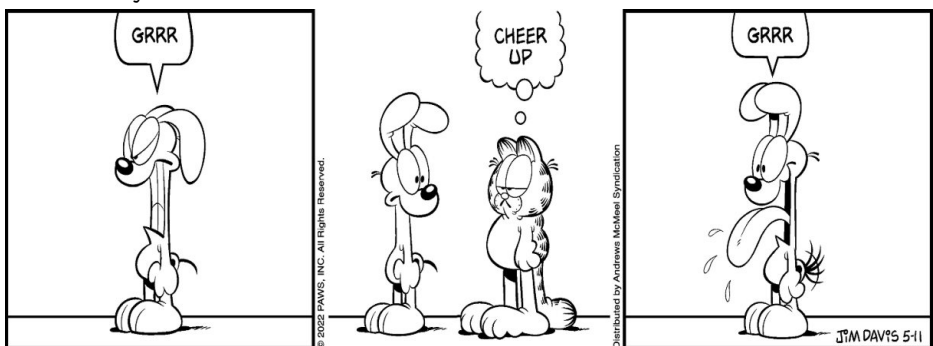
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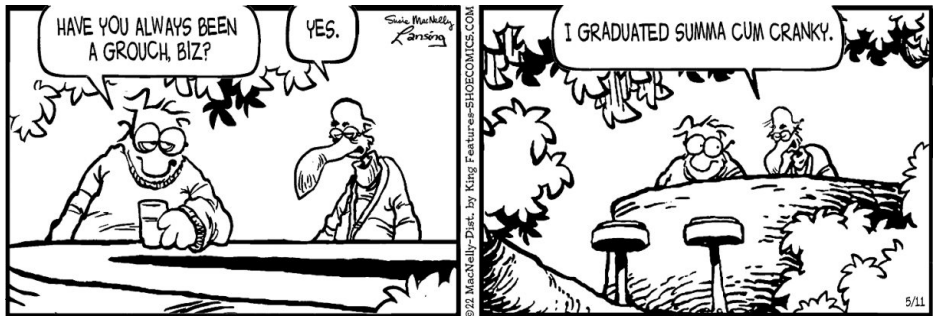
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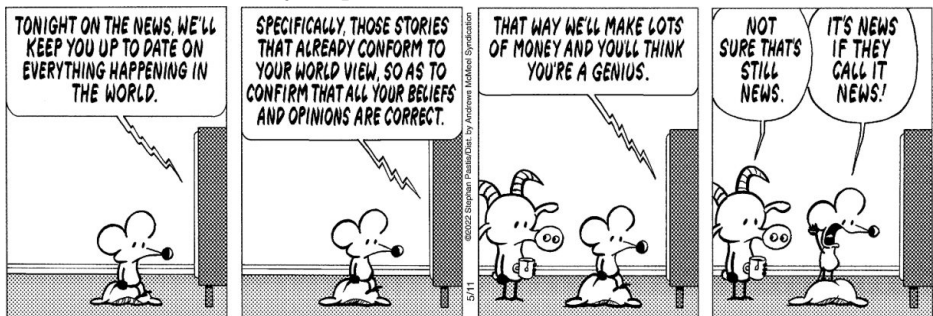
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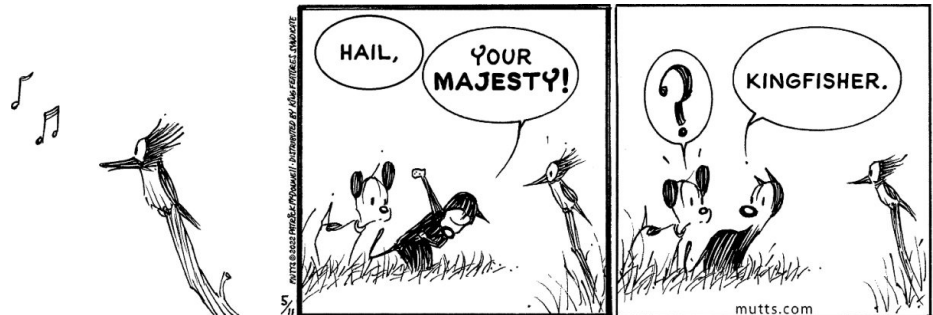
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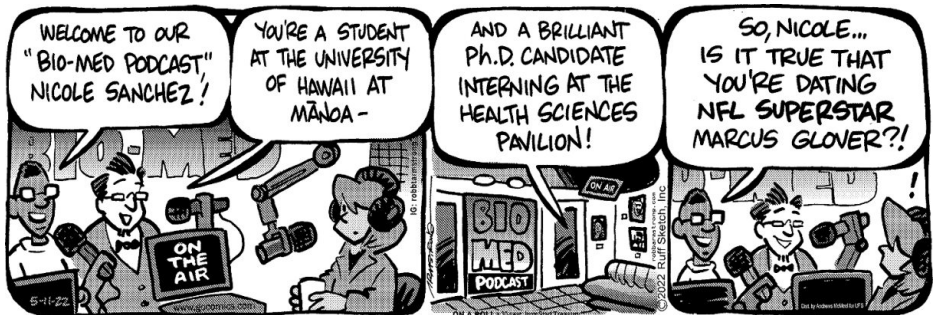
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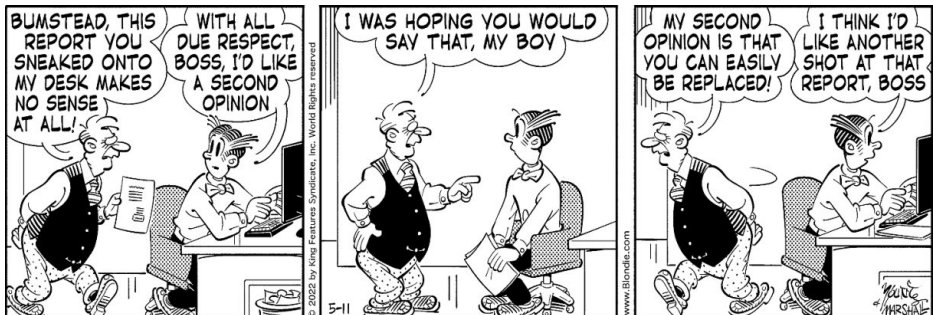
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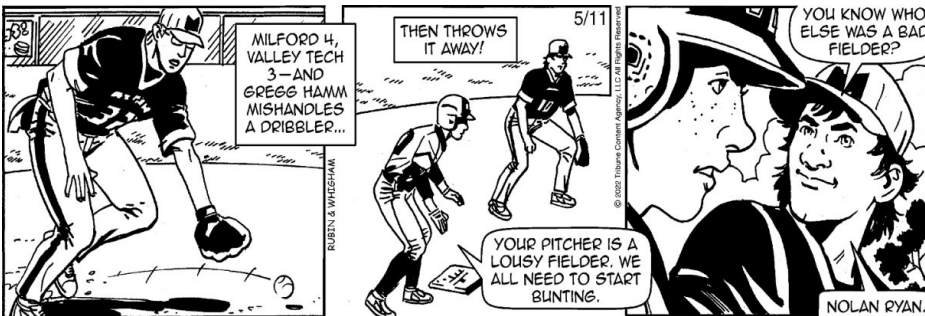
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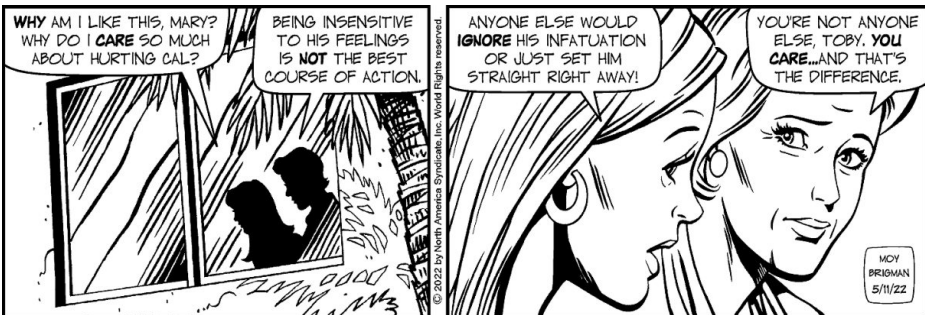
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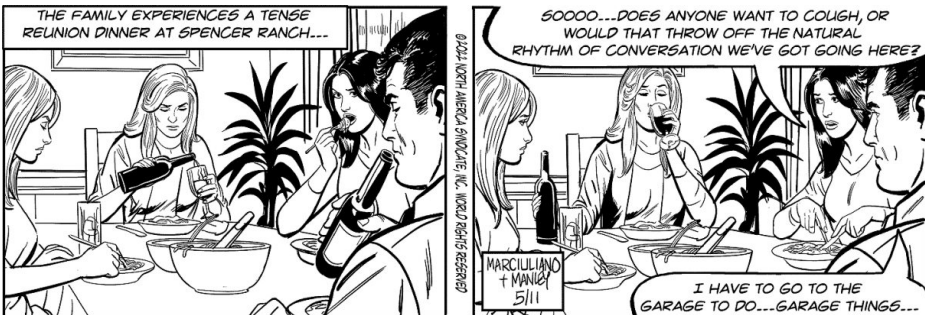
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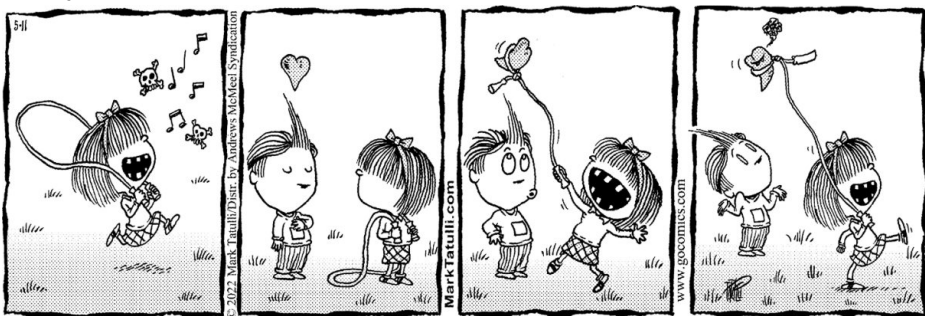
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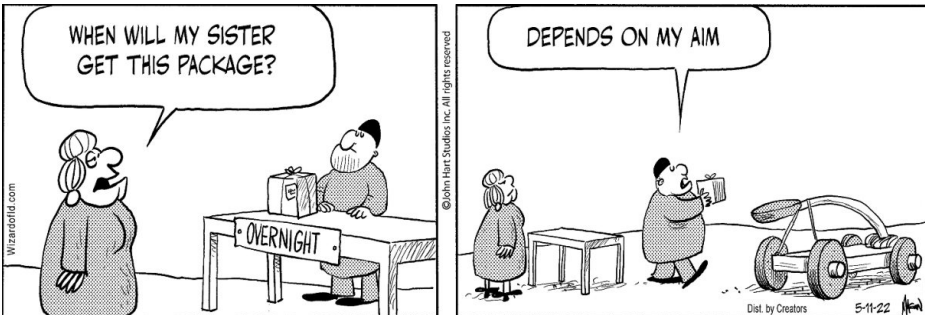
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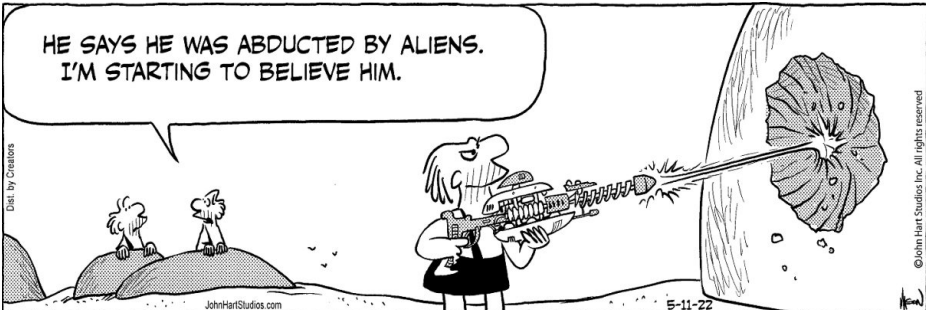
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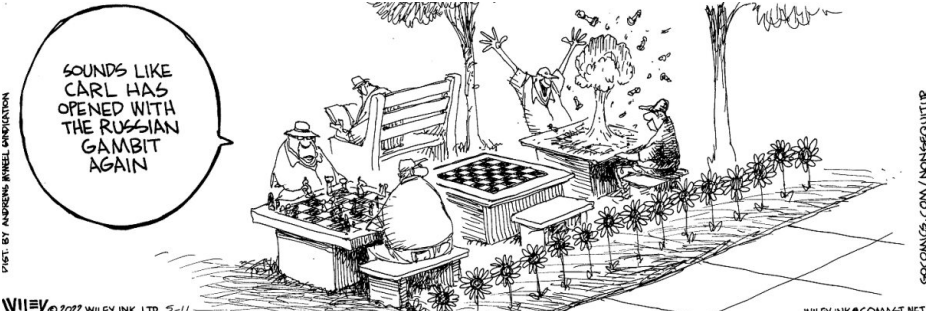
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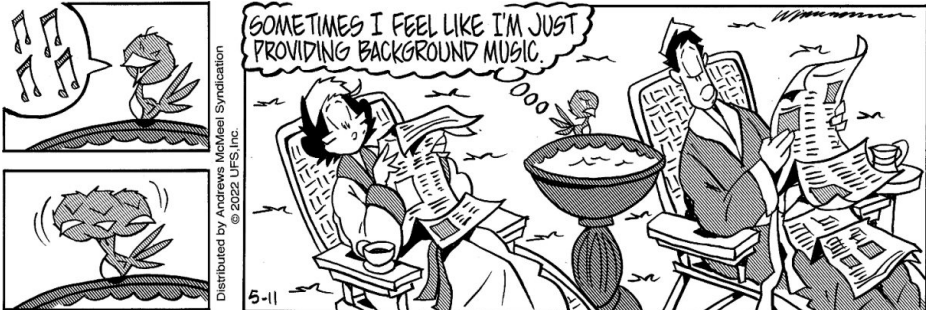
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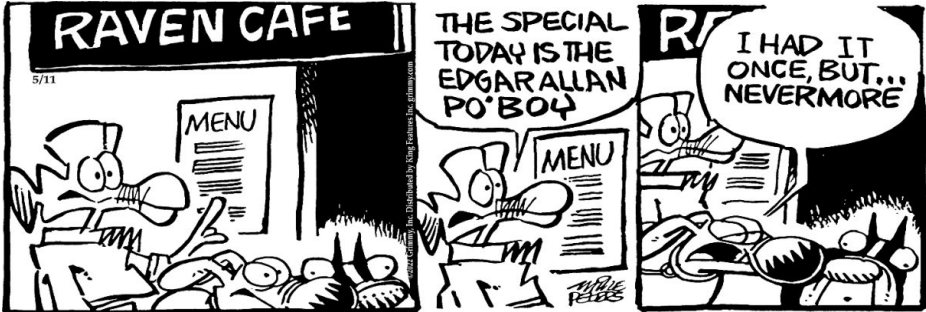
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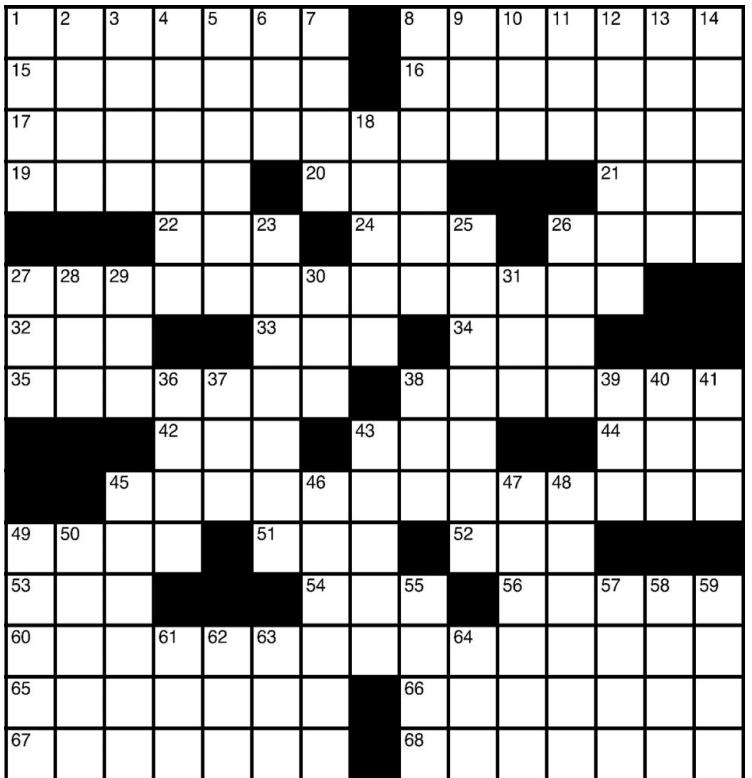
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CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 Works in a park, perhaps
 - 8 Chooses
 - 15 City of ancient Greece
 - 16 Steelmaking raw material
 - 17 First part of a quip about climate change
 - 19 "Cool beans!"
 - 20 Cookware purchase
 - 21 Streaming delay
 - 22 Finale
 - 24 Cornish game —
 - 26 Abhor
 - 27 Second part of the quip
 - 32 "This Is Just My Face: __ Not to Stare"; memoir by Gabourey Sidibe
 - 33 Green, in a way
 - 34 Hearing organ
 - 35 2020 N.L. MVP Freddie
 - 38 Beverage similar to hard seltzer
 - 42 Short lunch?
 - 43 Form 1099 agcy.
 - 44 Future flower
 - 45 Third part of the quip
 - 49 Time for action
 - 51 With 58-Down, 2018 Best New Artist Grammy winner
 - 52 Land north of Den.
 - 53 Decompose
 - 54 __ and cheese
 - 56 Works very hard
 - 60 Last part of the quip
- Down**
- 1 PC virus check
 - 2 Hefty book
 - 3 Opera solo
 - 4 Like some windows
 - 5 Brought to ruin grain
 - 6 "The rest is obvious" abbr.
 - 7 Factory
 - 8 Minor minder
 - 9 "To __ is human ..."
 - 10 British lav
 - 11 Picture that shows more detail: Abbr.
 - 12 Tall decorative addition around some cakes
 - 13 Spring for lunch
 - 14 Swamp plant
 - 18 "Ain't gonna happen"
 - 23 Was philanthropic
 - 25 Leslie of "The Naked Gun" films
 - 26 Long lunch?
 - 27 DOJ branch
 - 28 Sale rack abbr.
 - 29 Pumpernickel grain
 - 30 Animal house
 - 31 Actor Efron who voices Fred in "Scoob!"
 - 36 Site to do one's bidding
 - 37 "Letter From Birmingham Jail" initials
 - 38 __ de Triomphe
 - 39 TV network with pledge drives
 - 40 "Certainment!"
 - 41 Adobe file format
 - 43 "Baby Did a Bad Bad Thing" singer Chris
 - 45 Grown-up
 - 46 Sting's real last name
 - 47 Zip, nada, zilch
 - 48 Group of traveling performers
 - 49 Appliance that seems to eat socks
 - 50 Lorna of literature
 - 55 Ship leader: Abbr.
 - 57 "For sure!"
 - 58 See 51-Across
 - 59 Pedometer unit
 - 61 Heavy weight
 - 62 Shack
 - 63 Mineral suffix
 - 64 Watering hole



By Robin Stears

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 8 5 3
♥ A J 7 6 5
♦ K 2
♣ 6 4

WEST
♠ K 7 4
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ 7
♣ Q J 10 9 3

EAST
♠ Q J 9 6 2
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ —
♦ A Q J 10 9 6 3
♣ A K 8 5 2

The bidding:
South 2 ♠*
West Pass
North 2 ♥
East Pass
3 ♦
6 ♦
*strong, artificial
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

It pays to be pessimistic

When declarer is confronted with what appears to be a laydown contract, he must first ask himself, "What can defeat me?" The failure to ask this one simple question has been responsible for the demise of many a makable hand.

Consider today's deal where South was in six diamonds and West led the queen of clubs.

Declarer won with the ace and promptly played the king, ruffed by East. East returned a trump, and South found himself fighting a losing battle.

He won the trump in his hand, ruffed a club with the diamond king and discarded another club on the heart ace. But South had no place to put his remaining small club, and he ended down one.

Declarer was very unlucky to run into a 5-1 club division, but if he had taken this possibility into account and sought a means to deal with it, he might have found the way to assure the contract.

South can see that the slam is sure to make if the adverse clubs are divided 3-3 or 4-2. He can ruff a club with the diamond king in either case, guaranteeing at least 12 tricks.

However, he should also think about the possibility of a 5-1 club split. Should that exist, the contract is in danger. If South tries to cash a second high club prior to ruffing a club in dummy, an opponent might ruff, as in the actual deal.

To cater to this possibility, as well as the normal 3-3 and 4-2 breaks, declarer should invoke a safety play. Rather than try to cash his second high club, he should lead a low one instead!

West wins the trick but cannot do anything to stop the contract. South has only two small clubs left, one of which can be trumped with dummy's king while the other can be discarded on the ace of hearts.

Tomorrow: Standard procedure.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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NSUYN

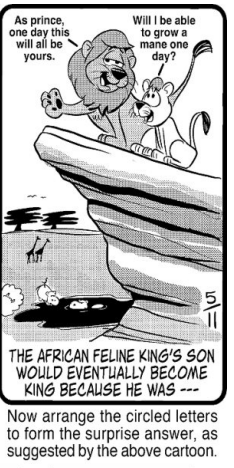
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Yesterday's Jumbles: WHISK SIXTY INHALE SUMMER
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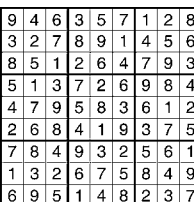


TODAY'S SUDOKU



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



No one wins under a forced birth scenario


Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

I've never written about abortion.

I've written a column for more than a decade now — a daily column for many of those years — and I was a reporter before that.

My topics have covered the range of human experiences: loss, joy, fear, violence, love, parenting, doubt, grief, people doing good, people being works in progress.

Always I hoped someone would finish one of my columns or stories and think about an issue, place, person or group of people a tiny bit differently than they thought before.

I always want to hold up something for us to look at together, knowing we will each walk away with our own impressions, but hoping those impressions will be informed in a slightly new way.

Abortion has always struck me as a topic for which that is impossible. I know hearts and minds change in all sorts of ways on all sorts of matters. But abortion feels like an exception, and I have never felt up to the task of wrestling with it in writing.

But the leaked Supreme Court draft opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade* betrays such a galling disconnect in our national priorities that I'm compelled to dive in.

If the draft ruling stands, the United States is poised to become a country that forces women to have babies that we've shown no willingness to invest in. Absolutely no one wins under this scenario.

The United States spends 0.2% of its gross domestic product on care for children 2 and under, according to an October analysis



Students and activists rally May 3 in Chicago in reaction to the leaked draft decision regarding *Roe v. Wade*. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

by The New York Times, which comes to about \$200 a year for most families. Norway spends close to \$30,000 annually. Germany spends more than \$18,000 per year.

On the list of 17 Nordic, European and South American nations, we come in dead last for early childhood spending.

American parents receive zero weeks of government-mandated paid parental leave, unlike parents in 40 other nations. More than three-quarters of civilian workers in the U.S. lack access to paid family leave through their employers, according to National Partnership for Women & Families data.

One in four moms returns to work within two weeks of giving birth, according to an Abt Associates/In These Times analysis of Department of Labor statistics.

This is all despite ample, unwavering scientific evidence of the brain development that occurs during a child's first three years of life — more brain development than will happen over the rest of their entire lives.

I wish that science informed our laws and policies, rather than whatever dogma is compelling the Supreme Court to restrict women's bodily autonomy, which is, after all, what this is really about.

As TV writer Leila Cohan tweeted in a now-viral thread, shortly after the draft opinion was leaked, "If it was about babies, we'd have excellent and free universal maternal care. You wouldn't be charged a cent to give birth, no matter how complicated your delivery was. If it was about babies, we'd have months and months of parental leave, for everyone.

"If it was about babies," Cohan continued, "we'd have free lactation consultants, free diapers, free formula. If it was about babies, we'd have free and excellent childcare from newborns on. If it was about babies, we'd have universal preschool and pre-k and guaranteed after school placements. ... It's not about babies. It's about punishing women (and all people with uteruses) and controlling our bodies."

Precisely.

Maybe you've seen the quote by Methodist pastor David Barnhart that's making the rounds again, thanks to the Supreme Court leak. Barnhart, from Saint Junia United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, originally shared it in a 2018 social media post, according to Snopes.com.

It's a beauty.

"The unborn are a convey-

nient group of people to advocate for," Barnhart wrote. "They never make demands of you; they are morally uncomplicated, unlike the incarcerated, addicted, or the chronically poor; they don't resent your condescension or complain that you are not politically correct; unlike widows, they don't ask you to question patriarchy; unlike orphans, they don't need money, education, or childcare; unlike aliens, they don't bring all that racial, cultural, and religious baggage that you dislike; they allow you to feel good about yourself without any work at creating or maintaining relationships; and when they are born, you can forget about them, because they cease to be unborn."

"You can love the unborn and advocate for them without substantially challenging your own wealth,

power, or privilege, without re-imagining social structures, apologizing, or making reparations to anyone. They are, in short, the perfect people to love if you want to claim you love Jesus, but actually dislike people who breathe. Prisoners? Immigrants? The sick? The poor? Widows? Orphans? All the groups that are specifically mentioned in the Bible? They all get thrown under the bus for the unborn."

Powerful words. We'd be wise to hold them up and let them inform the way we rally, spend, volunteer and vote in the coming weeks and months.

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SPORTS

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Carolina Hurricanes' Max Domi (13) is tripped up by Boston Bruins' Erik Haula (56) during the first period of Game 5 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup first-round playoff series on Tuesday in Raleigh, N.C., **KARL B DEBLAKER/AP**

HURRICANES 5, BRUINS 1

'Canes gain second wind with return home to take Game 5

By Julian Benbow
Boston Globe

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Carolina Hurricanes are a different monster at home and a different monster with a lead. Even with Charlie McAvoy's arriving at the last minute after being cleared from COVID protocols, the Bruins were overwhelmed Tuesday night. A 5-1 loss in Game 5 at PNC Arena pushed the Bruins to the brink of elimination, after climbing out of a 2-0 hole to even the series. Seth Jarvis scored two goals, Tony DeAngelo had a goal and two assists, and Teuvo Teravainen had

three assists for the Hurricanes. Antti Raanta made 34 saves and was but a late Connor Clifton goal from earning the first postseason shutout of his career. Game 6 will be back at TD Garden on Thursday. Despite long odds after falling behind in the series, the Bruins believed they regained some control by protecting home ice. But as the series swung back to Raleigh, instead they paid for the same mistakes that lost them the first two games. The Hurricanes have scored first in all five games (and eight straight going back to the three regular-season meetings). Jaccob

Slavin provided the first strike. He had Andrei Svechnikov screening Jeremy Swayman in front of the net, allowing his wrist shot to slip through to give the Hurricanes the lead at 6:11. The Bruins fell behind 2-0 when DeAngelo converted on the power play. The Hurricanes have been able to count on first-period power plays like clockwork. Six of their 22 power-play opportunities over the first four games came in the first period. A roughing penalty on Derek Forbort gave them their second man-advantage of

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WNBA

League gets spot in sun

Bird, Stewart and other players featured in Sports Illustrated annual swimsuit issue

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Sue Bird and Breanna Stewart are featured in this year's Sports Illustrated's annual swimsuit issue, which was officially revealed on Monday. The two former UConn stars share the spotlight with fellow WNBA players Nneka Ogwu-mike, Didi Richards and Te'a Cooper. "This is who we are; this is the makeup of our league," Bird said in the article accompanying the cover shoot. "We represent a variety of things: of course women, women of color, members of the LGBTQIA2+ community and much more. ... The [Swimsuit] issue for so many years has been iconic and has represented a lot for women. Now you are seeing an evolution in what that can mean and what that can look like, and I think the WNBA players being a part of that is what makes it special. There is no better group of women to showcase that evolution." In addition to showcasing a wide spectrum of women, the WNBA, less than a week into its 26th season, has been at the forefront of advocating for social issues behind player-led movements. Stewart said in the article that she wants to be a role model for her daughter Ruby, born in August 2021, by showing the impact women can have in society. All of those factors are part of why the SI swimsuit feature is so important.

"We continue to be leaders in this space because we always have fought for more — and we don't plan on stopping anytime soon," said Stewart, teammates with Bird on the Seattle Storm. WNBA All-Star and Connecticut Sun guard Courtney Williams appreciated that Sports Illustrated chose to highlight women in the WNBA, but also raised issue with the lack of range in swimsuits modeled. Bird echoed the point made by Williams on Tuesday. "I actually saw Courtney Williams' tweet and I think she's absolutely right," Bird said.

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Rachel St. Germain, 17, won the national indoor 5,000 meter championship in March and is a State Open and New England cross country champion. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Senior peak

Somers distance runner Rachel St. Germain on track for greatness in her final high school season

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

SOMERS — In her first true indoor track season, Rachel St. Germain won a national championship. When she started running at Somers High school as a freshman, with many other interests, she wasn't exactly thinking about winning national titles. She was involved in drama and was a swimmer. She did not run indoor track.

But the outdoor track season she missed her sophomore year due to COVID-19 sharpened her focus. She concentrated on running during the shutdown, doing strength workouts and developing an elaborate stretching routine. When she returned to school and competition, swimming and drama fell by the wayside. There was a shortened cross country season her junior year, not much of an indoor season and in what was her second outdoor

season, she won the Class S championship in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters. Then her running career really took off her senior year. St. Germain won the Class S championship in cross country, the State Open title and finished second in New England. She helped her team to its first Class S championship. Indoors, St. Germain swept the 1,600 and 3,200 at the State Open, won the two-mile

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YANKEES

Taillon cutting down his walk rate

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Jameson Taillon isn't giving anything away this season. The Yankees right-hander has battled back from cancer, two Tommy John surgeries and last season's unusual (for baseball) ankle injury. Coming off October 2021 surgery to repair that ankle, the Yankees did not know what to expect from him coming back this season. The 30-year-old is simply a more complete pitcher who has added a cutter that is now a weapon in his repertoire and dramatically cut down on giving away free bases. Taillon has a career-low 1.9 walk percentage this season, the lowest since his 2016 rookie season when he walked batters at a 4.9% rate. The 1.9% is the fourth-best in the majors. "The cutter is good. He doesn't have overpowering stuff, so the cutter really works with the fast-ball and slider," one American League scout said. "He uses it on the outside to righties to get them off the fastball. He can jam the lefties with it. "It's been a good pitch for him. It helps him attack and stay in the [strike] zone." That helps Taillon create weak or soft contact and keep away from the walks. Taillon flashed the cutter at the end of last season, mostly against left-handers, but this year it has been a growing presence in his pitch mix. In his last start, a win against the same Blue Jays he's scheduled to face Wednesday at the Stadium, Taillon threw it a career-high 20 times in six innings, allowing one run on five hits and striking out four. He did not walk a batter. Taillon is now throwing his cutter 12% of the time, which has cut some of his reliance on the fastball to 33% (9.5% less than 2021) and slider to 16.5% (2.9%) less. "There's a lot more weapons now," Taillon said after beating the Blue Jays in Toronto on May 3. "Last year, I feel like to righties, it was fastball slider and a lot of fastballs up. To lefties, I was like fastball, curveball, changeup. "We're now throwing curveball to righties, cutters to lefties

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UConn MEN'S BASKETBALL

Martin forever grateful for his experience with Huskies

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Tyrese Martin thought his mind was made up, he was going to go pro. Then the unthinkable happened. The UConn men's basketball team was an unexpected first-round loser in the NCAA Tournament. The fifth-seeded Huskies lost 70-63 to No. 12 New Mexico State in Buffalo, and doubt crept into Martin's mind

He wondered if he had made the right decision. As Martin sat in the locker room postgame, he tried to avoid looking his teammates directly in the face. He knew he was just a pressure cooker of emotions; it wasn't the way he envisioned his college career ending. After the loss Martin discussed his future with his family and the UConn coaching staff. Ultimately, it was a business decision.

"Toward the end of the year my family circumstances were still the same," he said. "I wasn't making that much NIL money. I had to make a decision to change my family situation." The 6-foot-6 senior guard from Allentown, Pa., had an impressive 2021-22 season. Martin averaged 13.6 points, 7.5 rebounds, 1.5 assists and shot a career-high 43% from 3. As a result the UConn coaching staff felt the time was right for Martin.

"I think it was a little bit of an age thing," said Tom Moore, UConn assistant coach. "He was really playing at a high level and doing very well here. I think the general feeling throughout the year was that it was his time. It's more of an instinct and a gut feeling than a technical discussion." As Martin embarks on his journey he says he'll never forget his time at UConn.

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Tyrese Martin of Connecticut reacts in the first half against the Seton Hall Pirates during the 2022 Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden on March 10 in New York City. **TIM NWACHUKWU/GETTY**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 5), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 6), Friday, time TBD; NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD
Bruins: NHL First Round vs. Hurricanes (Game 6), Thursday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 7, if necessary), Saturday, time TBD
Rangers: NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 5), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 6, if necessary), Friday, time TBD; NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD
Red Sox: at Atlanta, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.; at Rangers, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Rangers, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Blue Jays, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.; at White Sox, Thursday, 8 p.m.; at White Sox, Friday, 8 p.m.
Mets: at Nationals, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Nationals, Thursday, 1 p.m.; Mariners, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: Portland, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sun: Sparks, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Liberty, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Fever, May 20, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: N.Y. Red Bulls II, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, May 21, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Rochester Red Wings at Worcester Red Sox. (Live) NESN
12:30 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
7 p.m.: Liberty at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Tampa Bay Rays at Los Angeles Angels. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: New York Mets at Washington Nationals. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880.
7:15 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics. (Live) TNT
8 p.m.: WNBA }New York Liberty at Chicago Sky. (Live) CBSSN
9:30 p.m.: Golden State Warriors at Memphis Grizzlies. (Live) TNT
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: NHL First Round: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. (Live), ESPN, MSG.
7:30 p.m.: Washington Capitals at Florida Panthers. (Live) ESPN2
9:30 p.m.: Dallas Stars at Calgary Flames. (Live) SPRTNET ESPN
10 p.m.: First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
SOCCER
3 p.m.: Italian Super Cup Soccer Final: Juventus vs Inter Milan. (Live) CBSSN
3:15 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Manchester City. (Live) USA
6:20 p.m.: Copa do Brazil Soccer Flamengo vs Altos. (Live) FSP
8:30 p.m.: Copa do Brasil Corinthians vs Portuguesa-RJ. (Live) FSP
SOFTBALL
12 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Game 2: Mississippi State vs LSU. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: ACC Tournament, Game 1: Syracuse vs Louisville. (Live) ACC
2:30 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Game 3: Auburn vs Missouri. (Live) SEC
3:30 p.m.: ACC Tournament, Game 2: NC State vs Georgia Tech. (Live) ACC
5 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Game 4: Teams TBA. (Live) SEC
7:30 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Game 5: Georgia vs Ole Miss. (Live) SEC
TENNIS
6 a.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Rome-ATP/WTA, Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS
5 a.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Rome-ATP/WTA, Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS

NHL PLAYOFFS

Crosby, Penguins have Rangers on the brink heading into Game 5

By Vin Cherwoo
Associated Press

Sidney Crosby and the Penguins were stymied by Igor Shesterkin during the regular season. They have now chased the Rangers’ Vezina Trophy finalist the last two games and are one win from advancing to the second round of the playoffs for the first time in four years. They can do that Wednesday night in Game 5 at Madison Square Garden, where they earned a split of the first two games. After scoring just four goals against Shesterkin in four regular-season games, the Penguins have torched him for 10 goals in three periods over the last two games. He left after giving up four goals in the first period of Game 3 and then again after allowing six in

YARD GOATS

As he waits for Cooperstown’s call, Helton is passing knowledge to Rockies prospects

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Each January, the calls go out, informing and welcoming new baseball Hall of Famers to the club in Cooperstown, N.Y. Todd Helton, the face of the Colorado Rockies’ franchise for nearly three decades, still waits, sitting on impressive credentials. “I do look at it and care about it,” Helton said as he arrived at Dunkin’ Donuts Park for a week of evaluation and instruction with the Yard Goats. “But there is nothing I can do about it, so there’s no reason to worry.” Helton, 48, retired at age 40 in 2013 with a .316 career batting average, .414 on-base percentage, 369 home runs. During his seven-year peak from 1998-2004 he averaged 35 homers and 118 RBI per season. “I try and play devil’s advocate,” said Clint Hurdle, also in Hartford this week, who managed the Rockies during Helton’s prime. “It’s not because I like him, not because I love him, not because I was with him every day. But I did spend every day with him, I saw the buy-in, I saw the work. He made the guys around him better. His

numbers speak for themselves, his [61.9] WAR [wins above replacement] speaks for itself, and his home/road split speaks for itself.” Helton, in his fourth year on the ballot, was named on 205, or 52 percent of those cast in 2021. He has a long way to go to get to 75 percent, but six more years to get there and as more players are elected or pass from the ballot he figures to gain ground. If there is a drawback to his candidacy, it’s the perception that his numbers are skewed by the hitter-friendly altitude in Denver, a principle not applied to potential Hall of Famers who played in cozy ballparks in years gone by. Helton hit .345 with 227 homers in 11,141 games at home at Coors Field, and .287 with 142 homers in 1,106 games on the road. “A major-league park is a major-league park,” Helton said. “Each one comes with its own difficulties. There are plenty of other fields where I could have put the same numbers up.” Helton, a first-round draft pick after playing football and baseball at Tennessee, joined the Rockies’ organization in 1995 and played his Double A ball in New Haven, hitting .332 in 1996 for the Ravens, who played at Yale Field. He and

Hurdle drove the Rockies together to the 2007 World Series, Colorado’s only appearance, where they lost to the Red Sox. Helton has spent his entire baseball life with one organization — that’s usually a plus for Hall of Fame candidates. With the magnitude of the Hall in mind, Helton applies one of the skills that made him such an outstanding hitter: patience. “It’s the ultimate honor,” he said. “It’s not why you play the game, but it’s a great reward if you can get it. You play for the love of the game. I’m looking forward, and I look forward to the vote every year.” Meanwhile, Helton, after a few years away, returned to the game this year as a special assistant to GM Bill Schmidt, as did Hurdle, 64, who managed the Pirates as well as Colorado. They spent last week in Albuquerque watching the Rockies’ Triple A team, and will spend this week with the Yard Goats, who play six games against Portland. Helton will spend a lot of time with first baseman Michael Toglia, a lefthanded slugging prospect. Hurdle, who watched a lot of the players for two weeks in spring training, is anxious to dig in and evaluate. Both are looking forward

to watching 20-year-old shortstop Ezequiel Tovar, who is tearing it up, hitting, 340. “I have a lens, Todd has a lens,” Hurdle said. “Todd’s street cred with the players is insurmountable. When you have a player of Todd’s caliber and Todd’s pedigree come and spend time with these guys, I mean, I can talk hitting with them, too, but I was a coach, on the other side of it. It gives us an opportunity to share our lens with Bill [Schmidt], how the culture is being created here and energy the team is bringing to the ballpark every day. We’re here to teach the things we believe in.” The Rockies’ front office is said to be putting more emphasis on winning in the minor leagues and the Yard Goats, with a vastly improved roster, are in second place in the Eastern League’s Northeast Division. “It’s not a college atmosphere, but it’s an atmosphere where you are competing,” Helton said. “In 2007 when we went to the World Series we had a bunch of guys who came up together and won together and that was a big deal. It helped us a lot.”

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Red Sox manager Cora shaves his beard and shakes up the lineup

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

ATLANTA — Alex Cora knew he had to change something. Instead, he changed two things. Cora finally shaved his beard on Tuesday ahead of the Sox’ series-opener with the Braves in Atlanta, telling reporters that he was being a little superstitious in hopes that the dead offense would turn it around. He changed the lineup, too. Kiké Hernandez was back in the leadoff spot, the slumping Trevor Story got moved to sixth, Rafael Devers went back from third to second, J.D. Martinez took over in the three-hole and Xander Bogaerts was moved to the cleanup spot. “Flip-flopping the big boys

and we’ll see what happens,” Cora told reporters. “Right now, we’re just trying to figure it out. It’s not throwing pasta at the wall to see what sticks. No, it’s that we have some capable guys who right now aren’t swinging the bats well. So hopefully moving them around is going to benefit us.” Story moved to sixth: Story has unquestionably been the biggest disappointment of the season so far. After signing a six-year, \$140 million contract, the long-time Colorado Rockies shortstop entered Tuesday with a .194 average and .545 OPS that rank among the worst in MLB. Hitting coach Peter Fatse told NESN that he was concerned about Story swinging underneath fastballs, but trusted that

he’d figure it out. Story is uncharacteristically struggling against the fastball, hitting just .171 with a .220 slugging percentage against heaters after hitting .269 with a .495 slugging percentage off them last year. Almost all of his damage this year has come against hanging breaking balls, which he’s had no trouble slugging into the gaps for extra-base hits, but is still looking for his first home run. “At the end of the day you know that was going to happen; it’s going to be bases loaded and he’s going to come up to the plate and we still believe in the player,” Cora said. “We’ve done this before. We’ll keep trying to move them around and see what makes sense for us. Today it just makes sense against a good pitcher (Kyle Wright) today.”

METS

New hitters just what team needed

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Mets fans should savor this, at least for now. Their favorite team is really, really, really good. It’s not just the National League-high 20 wins and the plus-36 run differential. The advanced stats love these Mets, too. Their hitters have put up more Wins Above Replacement than any other team in the NL. They also have the best wRC+ in the senior circuit and have scored the third-most runs despite being ninth in home runs, demonstrating a diverse approach on offense that is equal parts refreshing and effective. The Mets offense from a season ago was built like a house of cards. That’s not the case anymore, and the trio of free agent hitters that came aboard this winter (and desperately need a fun nickname) are the major stabilizing

forces that have allowed the Mets to keep building on big innings rather than picking up the pieces and starting over. While none of the three — Starling Marte, Eduardo Escobar and Mark Canha — are slugging above .400 yet, all of them have been undeniably helpful in their own way. Marte has noticeably reduced his K-rate in his first month as a Met. The strikingly athletic outfielder has punched out in 19.9% of his big-league plate appearances and began his career with three straight seasons above 24%. This year, he’s down to 14.8% and is also running the lowest swinging strike percentage of his life. Many things have changed about baseball over the years, and even in the ten years Marte has been in the league, but one thing that will never change is the benefits of rarely swinging and missing. Marte has also been unreal (in the literal sense, as there is no

way this holds up over a whole season) with runners in scoring position. Consider that he’s slashing .348/.464/.522 with runners in scoring position, collecting 16 RBI in 28 plate appearances, then marvel at how insane those numbers are when the pressure is ramped up. With two outs and runners in scoring position, he’s at .556/.667/.889. Escobar has endeared himself to his new club by completely reversing course in a major statistical area. The switch hitter has hit 35 homers in a season, made an All-Star team, and once even led the major leagues in triples. One thing he had never done, though, until this season, is take his walks. In his age-33 season, Escobar has found some late-career patience. He’s swinging at fewer pitches than ever before. But more importantly, he’s laying off more pitches in the zone as well, hunting his pitches rather than letting the pitcher dictate his at-bats.

Yankees

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and righties now, so I’ve definitely kind of expanded the package. I was just backing myself into a hole last year, kind of showing the pitch ability that I have.” The results have been effective. Taillon is 2-1 with a 2.84 ERA, 1.15 WHIP and 21 strikeouts in 25 ⅓ innings pitched over five starts. He has walked just two batters in that time. Coming into this season the Yankees really didn’t know what they had returning to their rotation. Gerrit Cole had struggled at the end of the year, though they thought and hoped that was due to a hamstring injury. Luis Severino was finally healthy after missing most of the last three years, but they had no idea how he would return. Nestor Cortes has started to show how he could be effective without overpowering stuff. And Taillon had to have a ligament in his right ankle repaired, something that was unusual for a baseball player. Initially, the Yankees didn’t expect him back until this month, but even though he was on his own during most of the rehab because of the lock-out, Taillon was ready ahead of schedule. Now he’s part of a rotation and pitching corps that has been a bedrock of this team. Yankees starters have combined for the best ERA in the AL and third-best in the big leagues (2.50) behind only the Dodgers and Diamondbacks. Their combined K/BB rate (4.11) is the best in the big leagues, in part because of Taillon’s ability to cut down on walks. “Our job is to keep the offense in the game and just give them a chance to win,” Taillon said. “I still would like to be going deeper, but we’re keeping the team in the game. And then with the bullpen that we have, if we can turn it over the bullpen with a lead or a close game, I like our chances. “When it comes to the bullpen, it’s been consistent efforts. Starting staff is extremely prepared, our catchers are extremely prepared, and that allows us to keep our team in the game.”

Bruins

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the period at 11:21. DeAngelo one-timed a slap shot off a pass from Teravainen that whistled by Swayman (33 saves). The goal was just Carolina’s third in 24 power-play opportunities this series. A two-goal deficit has been essentially insurmountable in these playoffs. The only team to recover from one has been the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 1 of their series against the New York Rangers — and that took triple overtime. Going back to the regular season, the Bruins had lost 14 straight after falling behind by two goals. Two of those losses came at the hands of the Hurricanes. With the lead, the Hurricanes could get comfortable. They stayed out of the penalty box until 7:57 in the second, they won faceoffs, they blocked shots, and they kept the Bruins’ quiet. The Bruins got their first power play at 7:57 in the second. David Pastrnak got the looked he wanted

— a one-time slap shot from the left circle — but Raanta slid left to right to make the save. The man advantage was cut short with 14 seconds left when McAvoy was called for interference. The Bruins took just two shots on the power play. The ‘Canes had the advantage once Jesperi Kotkaniemi got out of the box. The Bruins killed the penalty but gave up a goal just as the power-play expired. The Bruins couldn’t clear the puck after Swayman stopped Sebastian Aho’s shot from the slot. Jarvis was in front of the net to swipe at the rebound, but he was wiped out by Brandon Carlo, who tried to slap the puck out of danger. Instead, the puck ricocheted off the skate of Jake DeBrusk. As the puck sailed his way, Swayman flailed desperately to stop it, but couldn’t. The goal was credited to Jarvis, who sprung up from the ice to celebrate a stroke of puck luck more than anything else. The bad bounce made an uphill battle that much steeper for the Bruins.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	20	8	.714	—	—	8-2	W-1	12-4	8-4
Tampa Bay	18	12	.600	3	—	6-4	L-2	9-7	9-5
Toronto	17	13	.567	4	—	4-6	L-2	10-6	7-7
Baltimore	12	17	.414	8 ½	4 ½	6-4	W-2	9-7	3-10
Boston	10	19	.345	10 ½	6 ½	2-8	L-5	4-9	6-10

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	18	11	.621	—	—	7-3	W-3	11-4	7-7
Cleveland	15	14	.517	3	1 ½	8-2	W-3	7-5	8-9
Chicago	14	14	.500	3 ½	2	7-3	L-1	7-7	7-7
Kansas City	9	17	.346	7 ½	6	3-7	L-2	6-9	3-8
Detroit	9	21	.300	9 ½	8	2-8	L-1	5-11	4-10

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	20	11	.645	—	—	6-4	W-2	11-6	9-5
Houston	18	11	.621	1	—	8-2	W-7	9-4	9-7
Seattle	13	17	.433	6 ½	4	2-8	L-1	8-6	5-11
Texas	11	16	.407	7	4 ½	5-5	L-1	4-9	7-7
Oakland	12	19	.387	8	5 ½	2-8	W-1	4-10	8-9

BOX SCORES

GAME 1: DETROIT 6, OAKLAND 0

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grossman rf	4	1	0	1	3	.241
Meadows dh	4	1	1	0	0	.284
Baez ss	5	1	1	0	0	.235
Candelario 3b	5	0	3	3	1	.214
H.Castro 1b	5	0	0	0	0	.294
Schoop 2b	3	2	1	1	1	.154
W.Castro lf	4	1	3	0	0	.310
Barnhart c	4	0	2	0	0	.279
Hill cf	1	0	0	1	1	.235
TOTALS	35	6	12	6	6	
Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Neuse 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.293
Pinder lf	4	0	0	0	2	.256
Laureano rf	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Murphy dh	3	0	1	0	0	.217
Bethancourt c	3	0	0	0	0	.288
Smith 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.197
Andrus ss	3	1	1	0	1	.183
Pache cf	3	0	0	0	1	.163
Kemp 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.221
TOTALS	29	0	4	0	0	

Detroit	000	021	300	—	6	12	0
Oakland	000	000	000	—	0	4	0

LOB: Detroit 8, Oakland 5.
2B: Candelario (6), Kemp (3), Smith (5), Murphy (10).
HR: Schoop (2), off Montas.
RBI: Hill (2), Grossman (8), Schoop (6), Candelario 3(11). **SF:** Hill. **S:** Hill.
Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 3 (Baez, Meadows, Schoop); Oakland 3 (Smith, Neuse, Bethancourt).
RISP: Detroit 3for 9; Oakland 0for 4.
GIDP: H.Castro, Barnhart, Pache.
DP: Detroit 2(Baez, Schoop, H.Castro; Baez, Candelario, Schoop); Oakland 2 (Andrus, Neuse; Andrus, Kemp, Neuse).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skubal, W, 2-7	7	3	0	0	3	5	2.41
JJimenez	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.38
Hutchison	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.60

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montas, L, 2-3	6 ⅓	7	4	4	3	4	3.77
Snead	1 ⅓	4	2	2	1	2	6.00
Kolarek	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.60

Pitches-Strikes: Skubal 92-60; Jiménez 12-8; Hutchison 11-10; Montas 105-71; Snead 32-18; Kolarek 18-10.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Skubal 9-5; Jiménez 1-1; Hutchison 2-2; Montas 16-2; Snead 3-1; Kolarek 2-1.
Batters Faced: Skubal 25; Jiménez 3; Hutchison 4; Montas 28; Snead 9; Kolarek 4.
Inherited runners-scored: Snead 1-1.
Umpires: Home, Will Little; First, Nate Tomlinson; Second, Greg Gibson; Third, Nick Mahrley. T: 2:56.

LATE MONDAY: CHI. CUBS 6, SAN DIEGO 0

Chi. Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Contreras dh	4	1	3	0	0	.279
Suzuki rf	3	0	1	1	0	.247
Ortega rf	2	0	0	0	0	.200
Wisdom 3b	4	1	1	0	3	.227
Gomes c	4	1	2	0	0	.222
Schwindel 1b	3	0	0	0	3	.202
a-Rivas ph-1b	0	0	0	0	0	.290
Hoerner ss	4	1	0	0	0	.275
Happ lf	4	0	2	2	1	.277
Madrigal 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.203
Heyward cf	4	2	2	0	0	.122
TOTALS	36	6	11	3	9	
San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Cronenworth 2b2	0	0	0	0	2	.204
Profar lf	4	0	0	0	0	.163
Machado 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.381
Hosmer 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.350
Kim ss	3	0	0	0	1	.203
Alfaro c	3	0	0	0	1	.224
Graham cf	3	0	0	0	2	.149
Nola dh	3	0	0	0	0	.193
Azocar rf	3	0	1	0	1	.222
TOTALS	28	0	3	0	7	

Chi. Cubs	100	110	120	—	6	11	1
San Diego	000	000	000	—	0	3	1

a-walked for Schwindel in the 8th.
E: Gomes (3), Cronenworth (2).
LOB: Chicago 5, San Diego 3.
2B: Suzuki (7), Happ (4).
RBI: Suzuki (16), Happ 2(14).
SB: Heyward (1).
CS: Suzuki (2), Azocar (3).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3(Madrigal 2, Ortega); San Diego 0. **RISP:** Chicago 3for 11; San Diego 0for 0.
Runners moved up: Suzuki.
GIDP: Suzuki, Kim. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Wisdom, Madrigal, Schwindel); San Diego 1(Kim, Cronenworth, Hosmer).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks, W, 2-38 ² / ₃	3	0	0	1	7	4.3	
Effross	¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	1.4	

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gore, L, 2-1	5	7	3	3	0	6	2.42
Stammen	2	2	1	0	0	1	3.38
Lamet	1	2	2	2	1	1	9.72
Kerr	1	0	0	0	0	1	7.71

Pitches-Strikes: Hendricks 116-80; Effross 7-4; Gore 89-57; Stammen 29-18; Lamet 28-15; Kerr 13-10.
Batters Faced: Hendricks 29; Effross 1; Gore 21; Stammen 8; Lamet 6; Kerr 3.
Inherited runners-scored: Effross 1-0.
HBP: Gore (Contreras).
Umpires: Home, Dan Lassogna-DUP; First, Scott Barry; Second, Ben May; Third, Clint Vondrak. T: 2:59. **A:** 41,595(40,209).

ON THIS DATE

MAY 11
1904: Cy Young's 23-inning no-hit string ended. The streak included two innings on April 25, six on April 30, a perfect game against the Philadelphia A's on May 5, and six innings today.
1919: Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators pitched 12 scoreless innings in a duel with Jack Quinn of the New York Yankees at the Polo Grounds. The Big Train allowed only two hits and retired 28 batters in a row. Future football star George Halas, battling leadoff for the Yankees, went 0-for-5, striking out twice.
1919: Hod Eller of the Cincinnati Reds pitched a no-hitter to beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-0. Eller struck out eight and walked three.
1923: Setting several Pacific Coast League records, Pete Schneider of Vernon hit five homers and a double to knock in 14 runs in a 35-11 romp over Salt Lake City.
1955: Ernie Banks' grand slam--the first of five on the year--led the Chicago Cubs to a 10-8 victory that snapped the

GAME 2: OAKLAND 4, DETROIT 1

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kemp 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.232
Neuse 3b	4	1	1	0	3	.291
Lowrie dh	3	0	0	1	1	.188
Murphy c	3	1	0	0	2	.211
Brown 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.169
Laureano rf	4	1	2	0	2	.133
Smith ss	3	1	2	1	1	.219
Barrera lf	2	0	0	1	0	.250
Pache cf	4	0	1	1	2	.167
TOTALS	31	4	8	4	13	
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grossman lf	4	0	0	0	1	.231
1-Hill pr	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Meadows rf	4	0	2	0	0	.293
Baez ss	4	0	0	0	2	.224
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.206
Cabrera dh	4	1	1	0	0	.247
Schoop 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.157
W.Castro cf	3	0	2	0	0	.344
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.155
Haase c	4	0	1	0	2	.140
TOTALS	34	1	7	1	5	

Oakland	000	200	101	—	4	8	0
Detroit	000	000	001	—	1	7	2

1-ran for Grossman in the 9th.
E: Haase 2(4). **LOB:** Oakland 5, Detroit 10. **RBI:** Lowrie (6), Smith (7), Pache (7), Barrera (1), Grossman (9).
SB: Smith (2). **CS:** Pache (1).
SF: Lowrie, Barrera. **S:** Smith.
Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 4 (Kemp, Barrera); Detroit 3 (Baez, Meadows 2).
RISP: Oakland 2for 5; Detroit 1for 4.
Runners moved up: Barrera, Schoop.

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Martinez, W, 1-0	5 ⅔	4	0	0	0	3	0.00
Jackson, H, 6	1 ⅓	0	0	0	1	1	3.77
Acevedo, H, 5	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.45
Trivino	1	2	1	1	1	1	10.50

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Faedo, L, 0-1	5	4	2	2	2	7	3.60
Vest	1	0	0	0	0	3	1.32
Chafin	1	3	1	1	0	1	3.18
Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.92
Lange	1	1	1	1	0	0	2.53

Pitches-Strikes: Martinez 79-55; Jackson 27-16; Acevedo 14-10; Trivino 27-17; Faedo 83-53; Vest 16-12; Chafin 17-12; Garcia 11-9; Lange 9-7.
Batters Faced: Martinez 21; Jackson 6; Acevedo 4; Trivino 7; Faedo 21; Vest 3; Chafin 5; Garcia 3; Lange 4.
Inherited runners-scored: Jackson 1-0.
HBP: Martinez (Meadows), Trivino (Torkelson). **WP:** Martinez, Lange.
Umpires: Home, Eric Bachhus; First, Greg Gibson; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Nate Tomlinson. T: 2:59. **A:** 13,844(10,883).

LATE MONDAY: ARIZONA 4, MIAMI 3

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. 2b3	0	0	0	0	0	.300
Aguiar dh	4	0	1	0	1	.273
1-De La Cruz dh0	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Soler lf	4	0	1	0	1	.174
Wendle 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.270
Cooper 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.253
Garcia rf	4	1	2	0	1	.189
Sanchez cf	4	1	1	0	1	.235
M.Rojas ss	3	0	1	0	0	.188
Stallings c	3	0	1	2	0	.171
TOTALS	33	3	9	3	6	
Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Varsho c	4	1	2	1	0	.255
P.Smith rf	4	0	0	0	3	.238
Peralta lf	2	1	0	0	0	.220
a-Luplow ph-lf 1	0	0	0	1	.222	
Walker 1b	3	0	2	1	0	.178
J.Rojas 3b	3	0	1	1	1	.300
b-Ahmed ph-ss1	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Marte 2b	4	1	2	1	0	.217
Beer dh	3	0	0	0	3	.205
c-Hummel dh	1	0	0	0	0	.164
Thomas cf	3	1	0	0	1	.167
Perdomo ss-3b 2	0	0	0	0	0	.175
TOTALS	31	4	7	4	9	

Miami	020	100	000	—	3	9	1
Arizona	210	001	00x	—	4	7	1

a-struck out for Peralta in the 8th.
b-pinch hit for J.Rojas in the 8th.
c-pinch hit for Beer in the 8th. 1-ran for Aguiar in the 8th. **E:** Chisholm Jr. (3), Varsho (2). **LOB:** Miami 5, Arizona 6. **2B:** Varsho (5), Walker (6).
HR: Cooper (2), off Castellanos; Marte (2), off Hernandez.
RBI: Stallings 2(9), Cooper (11), Walker (13), J.Rojas (1), Varsho (14), Marte (8).
SB: Varsho (3). **CS:** M.Rojas (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Miami 2(Cooper, Chisholm Jr.); Arizona 3 (Peralta, Hummel, Beer). **RISP:** Miami 1for 4; Arizona 3for 8. **Runners moved up:** Perdomo. **GIDP:** Soler, M.Rojas, Varsho. **DP:** Miami 1(M.Rojas, Cooper); Arizona 2(J.Rojas, Marte, Walker; Marte, Ahmed, Walker).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hernandez, L, 2-25 ⅓	6	4	3	3	1	5	6.37
Nance	⅓	0	0	0	1	3	0.00
Scott	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.65

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castellanos	5⅓	4	3	3	1	4	4.3
Nelson, W, 1-0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.5
Ramirez, H, 7	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	4.7

Umpires: Home, Paul Emmel; First, Bruce Dreckman; Second, Edwin Moscoso; Third, Paul Hoberg. T: 2:50. **A:** 11,171(48,686).

Brooklyn Dodgers' 11-game winning streak.
1963: Sandy Koufax pitched the second of four career no-hitters to help Los Angeles beat San Francisco 8-0.
1971: Cleveland pitcher Steve Dunning became the last American League pitcher to hit a grand slam before the inception of the designated hitter rule in 1973. Dunning's homer off Diego Segui of the Oakland A's gave the Indians a 5-0 lead, but Phil Nienigan got the victory as the Indians won 7-5.
1980: In the top of the seventh inning

SPORTS

CELTICS

Horford’s inspiration becomes playoff force

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Marcus Smart, whose fire has helped drive the Celtics to their 2-2 series tie with Milwaukee, can appreciate the opposite approach. He appreciates the calm, steady influence Al Horford has on the Celtics from night to night. “It’s great, especially with me. I’m more energized, a little more sporadic than he is, and he’s always cool and calm every time,” said Smart. “So we balance each other out so it’s a big key to have him there to help us. But in all seriousness, Al, man, like I said, he’s been doing this for a very long time and he understands what he brings to the game and to this team, and we need every last bit of it on every night we can. So it’s a big, big, big, big, big — and I mean this — big key, Al being with us, and he makes it that much better.”

And then comes that rare night when Horford steps out of character and tears the house down, as he did with a playoff career-high 30 points in the Celtics’ Game 4 win on Monday night in Milwaukee. He punctuated the feat, which included 5-for-7 3-point shooting, with a now-famous dunk, while also planting his elbow/forearm in the mug of Giannis Antetokounmpo. Horford admitted he had been angered by a tech-earning taunt by the Bucks star earlier in the night. “I wasn’t surprised at all,” Smart said of the dunk. “I wasn’t surprised at all, man. It was a big-time play, a big-time moment, and a physical game. We’ve been on the other end of those a couple of times, so it felt good to have that one. And, you know, Al still has it. At this age, he’s still able to get up like he does. So we weren’t surprised, but we were ecstatic for him and we needed it. But we felt it. Everybody did. The energy changed once that happened

from Al. It got him going and it got everybody else going.” Jayson Tatum, who picked up on the energy from Horford’s 16-point fourth quarter and put the game away, concurred. “I mean, that was a hell of a play. Especially any time Al turns back the clock and look like his old self on those dunks, it gets everybody off the bench,” he said. “And Al plays with so much passion. When Al is playing with passion like that, everybody has to follow. “Al’s been great for the team, Al’s been great for me. I’ve been fortunate enough to play with Al for three years and I remember coming in my rookie year and seeing Al Horford. I’ve been seeing him play my whole life, and it was great to see somebody taking care of their body, just be the ultimate professional, the ultimate teammate, and just all about the right things. Nobody can ever say anything about Al, and he’s helped me a great deal in the three years we’ve played together. I’m very lucky and fortunate to be able to call Al a teammate.”

Horford’s big night had some personal significance for the 35-year-old veteran. According to stat guru Dick Lipe, it was the first time since 2019 that Horford has scored 22 or more points in consecutive games. He also became the first Celtic player 35 or older to score 30 points in a playoff game since Ray Allen scored a franchise (oldies) record 32 in a playoff game against the Knicks in 2011. Ime Udoka’s big Game 4 adjustment was to use Horford’s floor spacing against Brook Lopez, with the Bucks center dropping so deep in the paint, he couldn’t get back out on Horford in 3-point range. The floor eventually opened for Tatum down the fourth-quarter stretch. Look for Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer to adjust in some way to this wrinkle.

Sports Illustrated and the crew for the swimsuit edition, MJ [Day], they did a wonderful job of making us comfortable, of hyping us up, they were like the best type women the entire trip in allowing us to have say in what what bathing suits we wore and the different positions we were in, poses and whatnot. But you’re still out of your comfort zone a little bit, you know, like I’m definitely not a swimsuit model. So you’re just kind of trying to figure it out as you go. And I think everyone, including the photographer, like everybody made it really comfortable and enjoyable.” The 2022 Swimsuit Issue launches online on May 16 and will be available to purchase in stores starting on May 19. “We couldn’t be more thrilled to have such a badass group of women come together for this specific issue,” SI Swimsuit editor in chief MJ Day said.

Tom Brady to join Fox Sports when playing career ends

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Seven-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady will join Fox Sports as its lead football analyst once his playing career ends, the network said Tuesday. When that actually happens is unclear, because Brady recently changed his mind about retiring and said he plans to continue playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for his 23rd NFL season. Fox Corp. CEO Lachlan Murdoch made the announcement during a corporate investor call on Tuesday. “Over the course of this long-term agreement, Tom will not only call our our biggest NFL games with Kevin Burkhardt, he will also serve as an ambassador for us, particularly with respect to client and promotional initiatives,” Murdoch said. Murdoch said it’s “entirely up to” Brady when he decides to retire from football and join



Tom Brady is interviewed on the field after the NFL Super Bowl 55 against the Kansas City Chiefs on Feb. 7, 2021 in Tampa. STEVE LUCIANO/AP

Fox. Brady led the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl title following the 2020 season and NFC South championship last season. He teamed with coach Bill Belichick to win six Super Bowls during 20 seasons with the New England Patriots.

Fox recently lost its top football announcers, Joe Buck and Troy Aikman, to ESPN. It replaced Buck with Burkhardt. Murdoch offered no other details on the deal.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Northeastern snaps UConn’s win streak

Yard Goats down Sea Dogs in series opener

Ezequiel Tovar had two more hits, including his sixth home run, increasing his average on the season to .343 as the Hartford Yard Goats opened a six-game series against the Portland Sea Dogs with an 11-4 Eastern League Northern Division win at Dunkin’ Donuts Park. Brenton Doyle got Hartford out to a quick lead with a two-run single in the first. In the second Tovar hit a two-run homer to lead the way to a seven-run inning as the Yard Goats put the game away.

Athletic sign state native Gdula

The Hartford Athletic have signed Connecticut native Logan Gdula to a 25-day contract. The 25-year old defender was the 13th overall pick in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft and this will be his second stint with Hartford. He was acquired by the club on loan from FC Cincinnati in 2019 and played in 14 games with a goal. Gdula, from Colchester, played the last two seasons with the Charleston Battery. — Staff reports

WNBA

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“There’s a way to show sexiness in all different ways and hopefully this is a start to showcasing that, because it does come in different styles.” Bird said that her favorite part of the shoot experience was getting to spend time with the other WNBA players. While she knows Stewart well and sees her on a daily basis during the season, she doesn’t get to spend as much time with Ogwumike and didn’t know Richards or Cooper that well previously. “To go through that experience together, we kind of have that shared moment,” Bird said. “And I think we we tried to enjoy it as much as we could, because it is gonna put you out of your comfort zone a little bit. “They definitely did a great job,

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at the New England championships, then won the Nike Indoor National championship in the 5,000 meters on March 13 in Staten Island. “[The national title] surprised me,” she said Tuesday at track practice. “I just wanted to do my best. I was aiming for top six. I was just going, picking girls off one by one. “I heard my coach yelling at me. He was like, ‘You can get in the front.’ So I did.” She led the race for more than half of it and her time of 16:59.44 set a track record. But she wasn’t done. The next day, she finished as the national runner-up in the two-mile in 10:21.36, a personal best by 15 seconds. Now she’s back for her final outdoor season. The NCCC championship will take place May 24 at Somers, with the Class S meet happening a week later at Willow Brook Park in New Britain.

Her ascent was a bit surprising. “When she started here in Somers, she was competitive but not one of our top runners,” coach Michael Szafrir said. “She was somebody who got motivated and wanted to continue to work hard. “To me, that’s what coaching high school sports is all about - when kids get an interest, find a passion, work hard, set goals, accomplish those goals.” Szafrir said the turning point came after last year’s outdoor season for St. Germain. “She had an amazing season, but it ended at State Opens and I feel like she was just hitting her stride,” he said. “I think that motivated her for her cross country season. I can see it in the results she’s had this year.” St. Germain committed to run at Quinnipiac next fall. She would like to major in health sciences and has an interest in prosthetics, sparked after she watched a Netflix documentary about the Paralympics.” “I liked the coach and the

team atmosphere,” she said. “I connected with the girls. I was looking for a smaller school and it’s not too far from home.” Szafrir said he didn’t expect St. Germain to accomplish all she has when she arrived at Somers as a freshman. And he believes she has elevated the program over her four years. “I had no idea,” he said of her potential back then. “Even winning a state championship - winning Class S is one thing but going to the Open from a small school like Somers, it’s almost unheard of. When do you see a top kid coming out of one of these small schools and rising up to that level?” “The cool thing about her is I think she’s brought her teammates along with her. If you look at the distance program we have here at Somers, I feel like she’s been able to make them rise to a level that the school hasn’t really seen before.” Lori Riley can be reached at lriley@courant.com.

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“No matter where I am at, I will always be representing UConn Nation.”

Growing on and off the court

When Martin transferred from the University of Rhode Island to UConn in April 2020, coach Dan Hurley promised him he would grow as an individual on and off the court. Hurley lived up to his end of the bargain. “I have watched myself grow from when I walked into campus,” he said. “Just being from a different school and structured differently; just to see the growth in two years of being with that man (Hurley), I couldn’t be more thankful.” Martin learned the value of consistency in all aspects of his life. “It’s just my approach to certain things,” he said. “One thing I know I can take away from (Hurley) is that I learned how you do one thing is how you are going to do the rest of the things. “That’s one of the biggest things that I took with me that can translate in the basketball world and in life in general. Just with your work ethic, different things you do throughout the day and who you surround yourself with.” Martin wasn’t the most vocal in the locker room, but earned the respect of his teammates with his trademark consistency in practices. Still, his coaches challenged him to be more of a vocal leader. “We all felt as a staff he probably had that ability,” Moore said.

UConn commit Stephon Castle secures USA Basketball U18 training camp invite

UConn men’s basketball class of 2023 commit Stephon Castle received an invitation to the Team USA men’s U18 national team training camp, USA Basketball announced on Tuesday. Castle is a four-star guard who committed to the Huskies back in November. He averaged 16.6 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.2 assists this past season for Newton High School in Covington, Georgia. He was also named the Newton County player of the year. Castle joins a prestigious group as only 26 other players were invited. The players will compete for 12 roster spots and the chance to compete at the 2022 FIBA U18 Americas Championship in Tijuana, Mexico from June 6-12. He and 13 other players will represent the class of 2023. University of Colorado’s Tad Boyle will be the head coach. Former UConn guard and current Providence player Corey Floyd Jr. represents the class of 2021.

“He just had never done it before and wasn’t capable of flexing that muscle. The reason why we encouraged him is because he had the respect of the room. He was extremely well liked and they knew he was about the right stuff on the court and off the court. So he was a guy that they would all follow.” Martin still remains engaged with the players on UConn’s roster. He also helped out on the recruiting trail by talking to new commit Tristen Newton during a recent visit to campus. He has high expectations for next year’s team. “I believe in Coach Hurley, so I definitely don’t think it’s going to be a step back for them,” he said. “What he’s bringing in are big pieces to go with Adama Sanogo, Jordan Hawkins and Andre Jackson. I don’t think people know how good those three are. Watching them practice all year long, you see it every day. They definitely are going to have a lot to show this coming year.”

Perfecting his role for the next level

Martin has been diligent in his preparation for the pros. After breakfast he goes through a basketball workout for a couple of hours. Then he finishes up homework before lifting weights. It’s the same routine every day with a bit of variation on weekends. When he’s not studying in Storrs, he spends time training with former pro player Ronnie Taylor in Miami. “It’s the transition of being a pro, so I am getting used to it right now,” he said. Martin still texts former teammate R.J. Cole every day as both are still trying to figure out how to best navigate the post-college basketball landscape. Martin, Cole and former teammate Isaiah Whaley got invited to the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, which gives players an opportunity to showcase their game to NBA, G-League and overseas scouts. Martin made the

all-tournament team as he averaged 19.7 points, 9.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists in three games. “[Portsmouth] was great,” he said. “I know my role for UConn is basically like what my role would be at the next level. I felt Coach Hurley prepared me for that. Going out there playing defense, rebounding, making the three and things like that.” His stellar play earned him an invitation to the NBA G League Elite Camp, a four-day Chicago-based event that begins Saturday. If he performs well, Martin could be one of the few players selected to participate in the NBA Draft combine on May 16-22. Jeremy Woo, an NBA Draft insider with Sports Illustrated, has Martin projected as an NBA second-round pick. “If the draft was today, I don’t know if it’s likely that he gets drafted just because of his age,” Woo said. “He’s one of those guys that I think will probably make a team. He will get a two-way contract, I think. He could end up getting more than that. He might have to play his way into a fully guaranteed contract. I would be willing to bet he’s on a guaranteed deal by next season.” Woo says Martin’s shooting will need to keep improving but he’s confident Martin can make it happen. He sees him playing small or power forward. “You are talking about somebody who will probably be a bench guy,” Woo said. “I think you can’t have enough guys that are so tough, competitive and can enhance the level of everybody else when they are in the game. He fits that mold.” Martin thinks his defensive versatility is key at the next level. “My ability to guard multiple

positions at my size and physicality,” he said. “I feel like now when you watch these playoffs you see there’s a lot of role players getting playing time guarding these superstars.” Ultimately Martin is aware enough to know he will be a role player in the future. “I don’t see myself going in there and being some Kyrie Irving or Kevin Durant type,” he said. “I know what I can bring to an organization which is my toughness and hard work.” The first in his family to graduate Despite going pro, Martin has remained focused on earning his degree. He stuck around Storrs for the majority of spring to complete one last course. On Sunday he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. “A lot of times there is this peer pressure among guys across the country once they finish their season to try to go somewhere, anywhere but on their campus to go train,” Moore said. “He stayed here and took care of all his academic stuff until the end.” The significance of a degree is not lost on Martin. “There’s not a family member that I have met that is a college graduate. So me being able to change the narrative going forward and break the cycle by being the first one feels great. Being able to say I am a UConn graduate knowing how it’s a world class university. I mean, it feels better than probably any basket I have scored in my career.” Shreyas Laddha can be reached at sladdha@courant.com or @shre98 on Twitter.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami 2, #4 Philadelphia 2
May 2: Miami 106-92
May 4: Miami 119-103
May 6: Philadelphia 99-79
May 8: Philadelphia 116-108.
Tuesday: at Miami, late
Thursday: at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Thursday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday: at at Miami, TBD

#2 Boston 2, #3 Milwaukee 2
May 1: Milwaukee 101-89
May 3: Boston 109-86.
May 7: Milwaukee 103-101.
May 9: Boston 116-108.
Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday: at Milwaukee, TBD
x-Sunday: at Boston, 3:30 p.m.

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Phoenix 2, #4 Dallas 2
May 2: Phoenix 121-114.
May 4: at Phoenix 129-109
May 6: Dallas 103-94
May 8: Dallas 111-101.
Tuesday: at Phoenix, late
Thursday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday: at Phoenix, TBD

#3 Golden State 3, #2 Memphis 1
May 1: Golden State 117-116
May 3: Memphis 106-101
May 7: Golden State 142-112
May 9: at Golden State, 101-98.
Wednesday: at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday: at Golden State, TBD
x-May 16: at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

CAREER PLAYOFF 3-POINTERS

PLAYER	3P	3P	G	3PA	3P%
Stephen Curry	503	4.2	121	1263	.398
LeBron James	432	1.6	266	1283	.337
Klay Thompson	405	3.1	132	985	.411
Ray Allen	385	2.3	171	959	.401
James Harden	364	2.5	147	1089	.334
Kevin Durant	344	2.2	155	966	.356
Manu Ginóbili	324	1.5	218	905	.358
Reggie Miller	320	2.2	144	820	.390
Danny Green	311	1.9	163	802	.388
J.R. Smith	294	2.1	140	801	.367
Kobe Bryant	292	1.3	220	882	.331
Derek Fisher	285	1.1	259	715	.399
Paul Pierce	276	1.6	170	777	.355
Chauncey Billups	267	1.8	146	729	.366
Robert Horry	261	1.1	244	728	.359
Player	3P	3P	G	3PA	3P%
Paul George	258	2.4	108	734	.351
Kyle Korver	254	1.8	145	649	.391
Jason Kidd	236	1.5	158	733	.322
Chris Paul	230	1.7	139	615	.374
Kawhi Leonard	228	1.7	135	572	.399
Jason Terry	221	1.8	124	574	.385
Jae Crowder	203	2.0	104	596	.341
Michael Finley	200	1.6	129	515	.388
Scottie Pippen	200	1.0	208	660	.303
through Monday; basketball-reference					

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	1
New York	1	0	1.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	2
Connecticut	0	1	.000	2
Indiana	0	2	.333	2
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	—
Las Vegas	2	1	.667	½
Seattle	1	1	.500	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1½
Dallas	0	1	.000	1½
Minnesota	0	3	.000	2½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 89, Las Vegas 76
Indiana 82, Minnesota 76

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Washington, 7p.m.
Las Vegas at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Indiana at New York, 8p.m.

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	3	1	0	.750	79	63
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	89	95
Michigan	1	3	0	.250	67	53
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	39	92
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	4	0	0	1.000	99	75
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	93	58
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	57	79
Houston	1	3	0	.250	87	95

WEEK 5

FRIDAY'S GAME

Michigan at Tampa Bay, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

New Orleans at New Jersey, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Birmingham at Philidelphia, Noon
Pittsburgh at Houston, 4p.m.

GOLF

PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

RK.	GOLFER	EV	MONEY	W
1.	Scottie Scheffler	14	\$10,138,062	4
2.	Cameron Smith	10	\$6,691,487	2
3.	Sam Burns	13	\$4,442,731	2
4.	Rory McIlroy	7	\$4,375,111	1
5.	Hideki Matsuyama	12	\$4,253,966	2
6.	Patrick Cantlay	10	\$4,203,061	1
7.	Max Homa	14	\$4,134,510	2
8.	Viktor Hovland	12	\$3,821,599	1
9.	Collin Morikawa	10	\$3,575,733	0
10.	Jon Rahm	11	\$3,573,830	1
11.	Tom Hoge	20	\$3,481,201	1
12.	Talor Gooch	17	\$3,402,501	1
13.	Cameron Young	16	\$3,320,971	0
14.	Joaquin Niemann	14	\$3,297,726	1
15.	Sungjae Im	16	\$3,188,024	1
16.	Kevin Kisner	14	\$3,125,038	0
17.	Sepp Straka	21	\$2,903,757	1
18.	Anirban Lahiri	17	\$2,868,793	0
19.	Keegan Bradley	16	\$2,858,128	0
20.	Will Zalatoris	13	\$2,852,150	0

PGA CHAMPIONS CHARLES SCHWAB CUP MONEY LEADERS

RK.	GOLFER	EV	MONEY	W
1.	Steven Alker	7	\$1,055,961	2
2.	Miguel A. Jiménez	7	\$824,708	2
3.	Retief Goosen	8	\$739,963	1
4.	Bernhard Langer	7	\$578,873	1
5.	Scott Parel	8	\$517,772	1
6.	David Toms	7	\$440,000	0
7.	Stephen Ames	7	\$396,237	0
8.	Tim Petrovic	7	\$361,728	0
9.	Lee Janzen	8	\$359,355	0
10.	Steve Flesch	6	\$355,806	0
11.	Jerry Kelly	8	\$354,555	1
12.	Alex Cejka	8	\$354,502	0
13.	Brandt Jobe	7	\$342,532	0
14.	Ernie Els	7	\$334,808	0
15.	K.J. Choi	8	\$301,858	0
16.	Woody Austin	7	\$288,764	0
17.	Paul Broadhurst	8	\$288,049	0
18.	Padraig Harrington	4	\$284,416	0
19.	Rod Pampling	8	\$242,244	0
20.	Steve Stricker	2	\$225,400	0

LPGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

RK.	GOLFER	MONEY	EV
1.	Jennifer Kupcho	\$864,897	9
2.	Celine Boutier	\$583,899	9
3.	Danielle Kang	\$554,040	9
4.	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	\$542,882	8
5.	Jessica Korda	\$541,946	4
6.	Lydia Ko	\$531,192	7
7.	Hyo Joo Kim	\$487,431	5
8.	Jin Young Ko	\$486,185	5
9.	Atthaya Thitikul	\$480,974	9
10.	Brooke M. Henderson	\$468,555	9
11.	Lexi Thompson	\$427,804	5
12.	Nasa Hataoka	\$406,606	9
13.	Hinako Shibuno	\$384,451	7
14.	Hannah Green	\$371,270	7
15.	Marina Alex	\$369,704	8
16.	Minjee Lee	\$368,261	6
17.	Patty Tavatanakit	\$364,599	8
18.	Xiyu Lin	\$355,460	8
19.	Leona Maguire	\$329,679	9
20.	Hye-Jin Choi	\$321,912	7

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina 2, Boston 2

May 2: Carolina 5-1

May 4: Carolina 5-2

May 6: Boston 4-2

May 8: Boston, 5-2.

Tuesday: at Carolina, late

Thursday: at Boston, 7 p.m.

x-Saturday: at Carolina, TBD

Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 1

May 3: Pittsburgh 4-3 (3OT)

May 5: N.Y. Rangers 5-2

May 7: Pittsburgh 7-4

May 9: Pittsburgh 7-2.

Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

x-Friday: at Pittsburgh, TBD

x-Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 2

May 2: Toronto 5-0

May 4: Tampa Bay 5-3

May 6: Toronto 5-2

May 8: Tampa Bay 7-3.

Tuesday: at Toronto, late

Thursday: at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

x-Saturday: at Toronto, TBD

Washington 2, Florida 2

May 3: Washington 4-2

May 5: Florida 5-1

May 7: Washington 6-1

May 9: Florida 3-2 (OT)

Wednesday: at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Friday: at Washington, TBD

x-Sunday: at Florida, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Dallas 2, Calgary 2

May 3: Calgary 1-0

May 5: Dallas 2-0

May 7: Dallas 4-2.

May 9: Calgary 4-1.

Wednesday: at Calgary, TBD

Friday: at Dallas, TBD

x-Sunday: at Calgary, TBD

Edmonton 2, Los Angeles 2

May 2: Los Angeles 4-3

May 4: Edmonton 6-0

May 6: Edmonton 8-2

May 8: Los Angeles 4-0.

Tuesday: at Edmonton, late

Thursday: at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

x-Saturday: at Edmonton, TBD

Colorado 4, Nashville 0

May 3: Colorado 7-2

May 5: Colorado 2-1 (OT)

May 7: Colorado 7-3

May 9: Colorado 5-3.

Minnesota 2, St. Louis 2

May 2: St. Louis 4-0

May 4: Minnesota 6-2

May 6: Minnesota 5-1

May 8: St. Louis 5-2.

Tuesday: at Minnesota, late

Thursday: at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.

x-Saturday: at Minnesota, TBD

DRAFT LOTTERY ROUND

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD
1. Montreal	25.5%	18.8%	55.7%
2. New Jersey	8.5%	8.8%	0.0%
3. Arizona	13.5%	14.4%	32.0%
4. Seattle	11.5%	11.5%	7.4%
5. Philadelphia	9.5%	9.8%	0.0%
6. Columbus-a	7.5%	7.9%	0.0%
7. Ottawa	6.5%	6.9%	0.0%
8. Detroit	6.0%	6.4%	0.0%
9. Buffalo	5.0%	5.4%	0.0%
10. Anaheim	3.5%	3.8%	0.0%
11. San Jose	3.0%	3.3%	0.0%
12. Columbus	0.0%	2.9%	2.4%
13. NY Islanders	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%
14. Winnipeg	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
15. Vancouver	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
16. Vegas	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

a-trade via Chicago; odds to win first, second and third overall selections.
Draft: July 7-8; Bell Centre,Montreal

TENNIS

INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA

At Foro Italico, Rome, Red clay-outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#1 Novak Djokovic d. Aslan Karatsev, 6-3, 6-2.

Filip Krajinovic d. #6 Andrey Rublev, 6-2, 6-4.

#8 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-2.

#13 Denis Shapovalov d. Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-4, 7-6(5).

Cristian Garin d. Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-4, 6-4.

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64

#9 Cameron Norrie d. Luca Nardi, 6-4, 6-4.

#10 Jannik Sinner d. Pedro Martinez, 6-4, 6-3.

David Goffin d. #11 Hubert Hurkacz, 7-6(8), 7-6(2).

#12 Diego Schwartzman d. Miomir Kecmanovic, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(3).

Grigor Dimitrov d. Brandon Nakashima, 6-3, 6-4.

Sebastian Baez d. Tallon Griekspoor, 6-3, 6-7(7), 6-2.

John Isner d. Francisco Cerundolo, 6-4, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64

#9 Ons Jabeur d. Sorana Cirstea, 6-0, 7-6 (1).

Bianca Andreescu d. #10 Emma Raducanu, 6-2, 2-1, ret.

Lauren Davis d. #11 Jelena Ostapenko, 6-2, 6-3.

#13 Jessica Pegula d. Liudmila Samsonova, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Jil Teichmann d. Jasmine Paolini, 6-3, 6-2.

Madison Brengle d. Marta Kostyuk, 6-4, 6-3.

Amanda Anisimova d. Tereza Martincova, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4.




Elena Rybakina d. Elina Avanesyan, 6-4, 7-6(0).

Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Sloane Stephens, 6-1, 6-2.

Maria Camila Osorio Serrano d. Lucia Bronzetti, 7-6(4), 6-3.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and mild. Northeast wind at 10 to 15 mph.

HIGH 73°
LOW 53°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and warmer.

HIGH 81°
LOW 57°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, warm.

HIGH 82°
LOW 61°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, chance for a shower or two.

HIGH 82°
LOW 63°

SUNDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, chance for a shower or two.

HIGH 81°
LOW 62°

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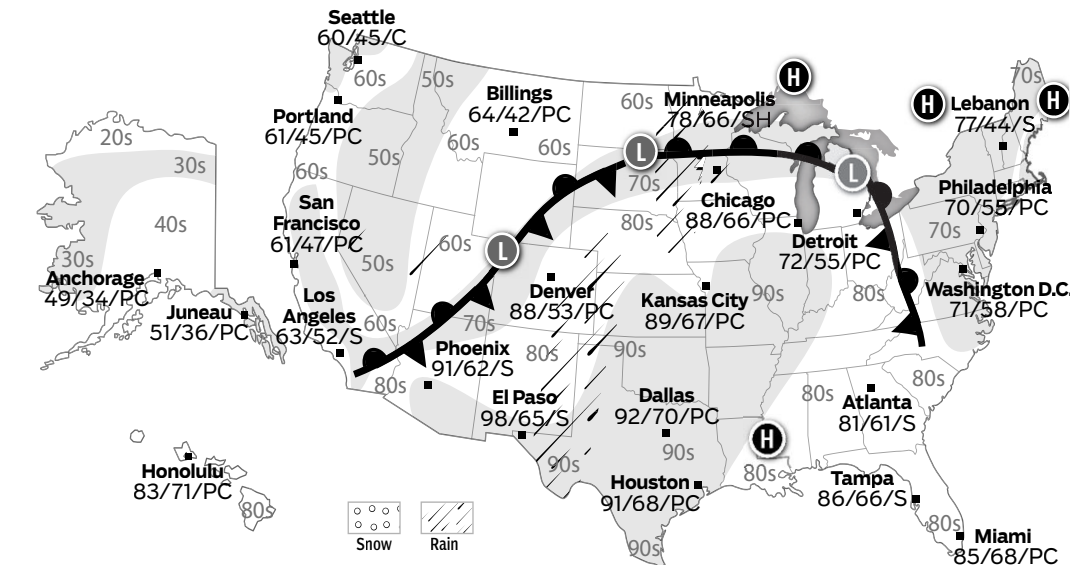
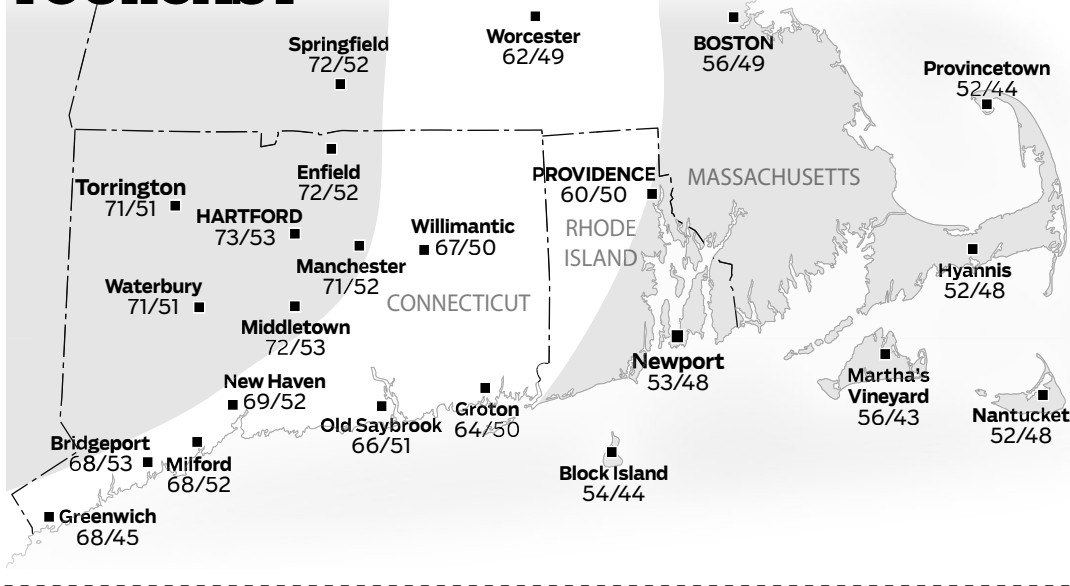
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

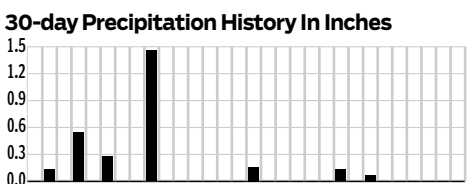
High pressure over eastern Maine will continue to cause a northeast flow off the Atlantic on Wednesday bringing a mixture of clouds and sunshine in eastern portions of the state, partly sunny skies in central sections, and mostly sunny skies in western areas. Temperatures will be in the 60s in eastern and southern portions of the state, while western areas will climb into the low to mid-70s. It will remain on the breezy side with winds around 10 mph, but that is lighter than of late and it will also be less gusty. Temperatures will turn warmer Thursday through Sunday.

-Gary Lessor

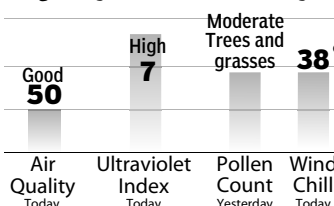
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	0.20 1.21
Total this year	14.90 15.31

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



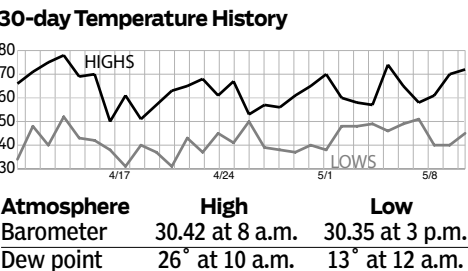
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	6:28 a.m. 6:51 p.m.	12:18 a.m. 12:38 p.m.	52°
Saybrook Jetty	7:39 a.m. 8:02 p.m.	1:11 a.m. 1:31 p.m.	52°
Connecticut River at Portland	10:22 a.m. 10:45 p.m.	4:57 a.m. 5:17 p.m.	53°
Madison	7:41 a.m. 8:06 p.m.	1:26 a.m. 1:49 p.m.	53°
New Haven	8:01 a.m. 8:26 p.m.	1:50 a.m. 2:13 p.m.	52°
Stamford	8:05 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	2:04 a.m. 2:27 p.m.	52°

River Stage at Hartford: 4.45 feet at 4:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Wind	NE, 10-15	NE, 10-15	NE, 10-20
Seas	1-2 ft.	2-4 ft.	4-6 ft.

Temperature Tuesday	High	Low
Normal for date	70	47
Record for date	96 in 1979	28 in 1947
A year ago	63	46
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days For July 1 - May 10	Season	Normal	Last Season
	5285	5741	5318



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.42 at 8 a.m.	30.35 at 3 p.m.
Dew point	26° at 10 a.m.	13° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 71 46 S Burlington 78 49 S Caribou 73 47 S Concord 66 45 PC Montpelier 73 45 S Mt. Wash. 51 42 S Portland 62 46 PC Woods Hole 54 46 C	Baltimore 69 54 PC Bismarck 70 51 C Boise 58 38 C Buffalo 76 52 S Charleston 76 59 PC Cincinnati 80 56 PC Cleveland 78 51 S Indianapolis 84 61 PC Jacksonville 79 59 S Las Vegas 70 58 S Miami Beach 81 70 PC Milwaukee 78 60 PC	Nashville 88 63 PC New Orleans 88 71 S New York 67 56 PC Okla. City 87 65 PC Omaha 90 68 PC Orlando 83 63 S Pittsburgh 78 51 S Raleigh 71 55 PC Salt Lake City 92 74 PC San Antonio 97 72 PC San Diego 69 55 PC	San Juan 89 76 SH Tucson 92 56 S Amsterdam 65 50 PC Athens 78 58 S Bangkok 92 81 SH Barbados 82 74 PC Beijing 68 49 SH Beirut 72 63 S Berlin 80 54 PC Bermuda 73 70 SH	Budapest 81 60 PC Buenos Aires 67 50 C Cairo 90 64 PC Cancun 86 73 PC Dubai 91 76 S Dublin 60 44 PC Edinburgh 59 45 PC Helsinki 54 43 SH Hong Kong 75 71 SH Istanbul 70 48 S Jerusalem 74 54 PC Johannesburg 74 50 PC	Stockholm 63 47 SH Sydney 69 64 SH Tel Aviv 77 60 PC Tokyo 75 64 SH Toronto 62 52 PC Vancouver 57 45 SH Warsaw 79 58 C
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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

MONDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-Inter
BERLIN 13, EAST CATHOLIC 3
B 111-022-6-13-19-1
E 300-000-0-3-7-4
WP: Harrison Lombardi. RP: Ryan Turco. HR: EC-Alex Irizarry. Rec.: B-6-8; EC-7-6. Note: Lombardi had 10 strikeouts. Every Berlin starter had at least 1 hit. Dylan Roy had 2 hits for East Catholic.
NCCC
SUFFIELD 9, EAST WINDSOR 4
EW 001-003-0-4-6-4
S 000-423-x-9-11-4
WP: Nick Gomes. LP: Jordan Agey. Rec.: S-6-7; EW-4-8. Note: Tristan Dusto was 3-for-4 with 2 doubles, 1 RBI and Austin Dultz had 2 doubles, 2 RBI for Suffield. Shane Ritchie was 3-for-3 with 2 doubles, 1 RBI for East Windsor.
CRAL
WEAVER 18, MLC 8 (6)
M 410-210-8-9-0
W 311-10(12)-18-7-0
WP: Edgar Santiago. LP: Trey Moses. Rec.: W-4-5; M-2-8.

SOFTBALL

CCC-Inter
GLASTONBURY 15, NEWINGTON 3 (5)
N 102-00-3-5-2
G 273-3x-15-13-2
WP: Brooke Tracy. LP: Jaelyn Gonzalez. Rec.: G-11-2; N-5-5. Note: Tracy had 10 strikeouts. Sadie Scuto had a triple, 3 RBI and Rayah Snyder was 3-for-4 with 3 RBI. Brianna Gadarowski was 2-for-3 with 2 RBI for Newington.
NCCC
EAST WINDSOR/SMSA 7, SUFFIELD 5
S 103-010-0-5
EWS 051-100-x-7
WP: Abby Lee. LP: Lily Heitman. HR: EWS-Samantha Corrado. Rec.: EWS-8-6; S-2-11. Note: Lee had 8 strikeouts and was 3-for-4 with a double, RBI. Corrado had a 3-run homer. Lauren Sheridan was 4-for-4 with a triple, RBI for Suffield.
ELLINGTON 10, WINDSOR LOCKS 4
WL 000-103-0-4-6-3
E 112-033-x-10-9-3
WP: Camryn Fisher. LP: Rene Homan. HR: E-Brynnlee Eckles. Rec.: E-12-1; WL-3-8. Note: Fisher had 19 strikeouts. Eckles had 2 hits, 5 stolen bases.
Shoreline
NORTH BRANFORD 5, VALLEY REGIONAL 1
NB 000-011-3-5-8-3
VR 000-000-1-1-0-2
WP: Kiley Mullins. LP: Anna Benson. Rec.: NB-10-5; VR-5-10.
NVL
WOODLAND 13, ST. PAUL 0 (6)
SP 000-000-0-3-2
W 302-233-13-17-0
WP: Riley Kane. LP: Lauren Kozlak. HR: W-Kane. Rec.: W-17-0; SP-5-12. Note: Izzy Leggett had all 3 hits for St. Paul.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West
CONARD 3, SIMSBURY 1 (25-17, 26-24, 15-25, 25-19)
C: Aiden Buyak, 13kills, 7blocks, 3aces, Hugh Baldwin, 12assists, 4digs, 3aces. Rec.: C-7-5; S-8-7.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-East
TOLLAND 169, MANCHESTER 184
Medalist: Max Baldwin and AJ Cady, Tolland, 41at Manchester CC.

GIRLS GOLF

Others
ST. PAUL 199, HAND 236
Medalist: Olivia Dahn, St. Paul, 48at Madison CC.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

NCCC
GRANBY 116, WINDSOR LOCKS 32

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

NCCC
WINDSOR LOCKS 71, GRANBY 62

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-Inter
SIMSBURY 4, TOLLAND 3
NCCC
EAST GRANBY 4, COVENTRY 3

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-East
MANCHESTER 13, SOUTH WINDSOR 3
CCC-West
HALL 12, SIMSBURY 2 (5)
CCC-Inter
BRISTOL EASTERN 7, E.O. SMITH 2
BE 005-000-2-7-9-1
EOS 001-100-0-2-6-1
WP: Ryan Maglio. LP: Nolan Klimkiewicz. Rec.: BE-4-8; EOS-6-8. Note: Ben D'Amato had 3 hits, including a double, and 4 RBI.
CONARD 4, RHAM 2
NCCC
EAST WINDSOR 11, BOLTON 1 (5)
WP: Eric Wyse. LP: Ben Post. HR: EW-Shane Ritchie. Rec.: EW-5-8; B-0-14. Note: Ryan Lee was 3-for-4 with 2 RBI and Evan Witke was 2-for-2 with 2 RBI. Ben Roth had a double, RBI for Bolton.
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 6, EAST HAMPTON 3
HK 015-000-0-6-6-1
EH 000-003-0-3-4-1
WP: Alex Sheehan. LP: Javey Diaz. Rec.: HK-10-6; EH-6-7. Note: Sheehan had 14 strikeouts and Todd Butler had 2 hits. Hunter Peszynski had a double for East Hampton.
CTC
GOODWIN TECH 22, PRINCE TECH 4 (5)
PT 102-10-4-7-6
GT (11)32-6x-22-16-1
WP: Jayden Perez. LP: Xavier Rodriguez. Rec.: GT-5-10; PT-2-12. Note: Perez had 7 strikeouts. Andrew Koscho had 3 hits and Nick Zygiel had 2 hits for Goodwin.
CRAL
CIVIC LEADERSHIP 3, WEAVER 2 (8)
SICC
LYMAN HALL 7, BRANFORD 3
LAW 11, HAND 10
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 4, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 1
BA 001-001-2-4-9-0
WA 001-000-0-1-8-2
WP: Jack Novak. LP: Kaeden Murphy. Rec.: BA-14-1; WA-11-5. Note: Novak (7-0) tossed a complete game with 5 strikeouts, 3 walks. Dan Shane, Steven Laliberte and Luke Pennella each had 2 hits, 1 RBI.
NVL
ST. PAUL 11, HOLY CROSS 1 (5)
HC 000-01-1-1-3-2
SP 631-1x-11-9-0
WP: Joey Tonnotti. LP: Dillon Fernandes. HR: SP-Mario Izzo. Rec.: SP-17-0; HC-9-6. Note: Tonnotti had 9 strikeouts. Cal Chance was 2-for-3 with 3 RBI and Ryan Daniels had 2 doubles, 2 RBI.

SOFTBALL

CCC-North
NEWINGTON 10, WETHERFIELD 7
CCC-Inter
TOLLAND 15, BLOOMFIELD 1 (5)
T 510-63-15-5-0
B 001-00-1-3-4
WP: Casey Shorts. LP: Taraji Larmond. Rec.: T-9-5; B-4-10. Note: Shorts had 6 strikeouts.
BRISTOL CENTRAL 8, MANCHESTER 1
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 24, EAST CATHOLIC 9
PLAINVILLE 27, EAST HARTFORD 10
GLASTONBURY 12, MALONEY 6
NCCC
ELLINGTON 11, GRANBY 0
G 000-000-0-0-1-0
E 422-003-x-11-14-0

WP: Keyleigh Flaherty. LP: Ashley Bristol. Rec.: E-13-1; G-2-11. Note: Flaherty tossed a 1-hit shutout with 9 strikeouts and was 4-for-5 at the plate. Mickyla Wong had 3 hits and Kaitlyn Kerstetter was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI.
WINDSOR LOCKS 12, SUFFIELD 0 (5)
WL 323-22-12-7-2
S 000-00-3-6-7-3
WP: Rene Homan. LP: Lily Heitman. Rec.: WL-4-8; S-2-11. Note: Homan tossed a 1-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts. Carly MacDougald and Marena Demonte each had 2 hits, including a double.
ROCKVILLE 7, STAFFORD 1
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 6, EAST HAMPTON 5
EH 030-010-1-5-5-1
HK 200-100-3-6-7-3
WP: Kaleigh Bodak. LP: Elin Frost. Rec.: HK-15-1; EH-4-9. Note: Annabelle Zajac had the game-winning RBI triple, scoring Caley Napolitano with the winning run.
CTC
WINDHAM TECH 22, VINAL TECH 6 (5)
CRAL
INNOVATION 7, MLC 6
WEAVER 29, UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 12
SCC
FORAN 7, HAND 6
Others
CROMWELL 12, BOLTON 0 (5)

BOYS LACROSSE

Shoreline
OLD LYME 16, NORTH BRANFORD 7
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 10, OLD SAYBROOK 2
SCC
NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 12, XAVIER 9
HAND 15, AMITY 6
Others
ELLINGTON 9, SOUTH WINDSOR 8
STAPLES 15, GLASTONBURY 4

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North
SIMSBURY 9, HALL 3
CCC-Central
NEWINGTON 12, EAST CATHOLIC 10
NCCC
CANTON 9, SUFFIELD 6
Shoreline
VALLEY REGIONAL 19, MORGAN 6
OLD SAYBROOK 15, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 5
SCC
MERCY 15, NORTH HAVEN 10
Goals: M-Lily Schoonmaker (8), Mackenzie Kelley (4), Maddy Carbone (3); NH-Shealin Saracino (3), Liz Hansen (2), Eliza O'Connor (2), Riley Minns, Sophia Dorio, Catherine Bianchi. Saves: M-Callia Borkowski, 10; NH-Gabby Barry, 7. Rec.: M-3-9; NH-4-9.
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 17, LEDYARD 4

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-Inter
NEW BRITAIN 3, SIMSBURY 2 (26-24, 26-28, 19-25, 25-21, 15-10)
NB: Lexus Sullivan, 14kills, Davin Siharath, 21assists. Rec.: NB-8-5; S-8-8.
XAVIER 3, CHESHIRE 0 (25-23, 25-13, 25-21)
X: Thomas Lut, 17digs, 3aces, 3kills, Joseph O'Brien, 9kills, 6digs, 5blocks, Brady Higgins, 3assists, 3digs, 2kills. Rec.: X-12-4; C-12-3.
Others
WETHERFIELD 3, NFA 0 (25-15, 25-14, 26-24)
W: Andrew Knapp, 14kills, Anduei Xhelaj, 24assists, Rocky Torres, 6kills. Rec.: W-4-9; N-3-12.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-South
MALONEY 180, PLAINVILLE 214
Medalist: Dylan Miller, Maloney, 41at Hawk's Landing CC, Southington.
CCC-East
RHAM 158, SOUTH WINDSOR 193
Medalist: Holden Sullivan, RHAM, 38at Topstone GC, South Windsor.
CCC-Inter
BRISTOL CENTRAL 162, WINDSOR 223

Medalist: Scott Petrosky, Bristol Central, 35at Goodwin Park GC, Hartford.
NCCC
ELLINGTON 184, STAFFORD 290
Medalists: James O'Connor, Ellington and Ryan Willey, East Windsor, 38at Rolling Meadows CC, Ellington.
CANTON 173, COVENTRY 175
Medalist: Matt Schuman, Canton, 37at Skungamaug River GC, Coventry.
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 188, VALLEY REGIONAL 205
Medalist: Andrew Fleig, Haddam-Killingworth, 42at Black Birch GC, Moodus.
PORTLAND 170, MORGAN 182
Medalist: Quinn Lapinski, Portland, 37at Clinton CC.
HALE-RAY 174, EAST HAMPTON 275
CTC
GOODWIN TECH 242, PRINCE TECH 313
VINAL TECH 212, WOLCOTT TECH 214
SCC
XAVIER 167, HAMDEN 194
Medalist: Finn Russell, Xavier, 40at Portland CC.
CHESHIRE 165, EAST HAVEN 203
LAW 193, NORTH HAVEN 215, LYMAN HALL 241
HAND 167, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 168
NVL
ST. PAUL 170, TORRINGTON 230
Medalist: Matt Downes, St. Paul, 37at Torrington CC.

Others
TOLLAND 165, EAST CATHOLIC 167, SOMERS 198
Medalist: Adam Eskin, East Catholic, 36at Twin Hills CC, Coventry.
GIRLS GOLF
CCC-East
WETHERFIELD 199, MANCHESTER 230
Medalist: Sarah Morrissey, Wethersfield, 44at Wethersfield CC.
CCC-West
CONARD 191, FARMINGTON 244
SCC
MERCY 223, HAND 223
Medalist: Lila Sullivan, Hand, 45at Lyman Orchards GC, Middlefield.
Others
HALL 188, CHESHIRE 209

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 82, LEWIS MILLS 68

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 83.33, LEWIS MILLS 65.67
CCC-West
SIMSBURY 79, HALL 71

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-Inter
HALL 4, ENFIELD CO-OP 3
SOUTHINGTON 6, PLATT/MALONEY 1
NEWINGTON 7, LEWIS MILLS 0
SCC
HAND 5, AMITY 2
HAMDEN 7, LYMAN HALL 0
Others
ROCKY HILL 7, CROMWELL 0
MANCHESTER 5, ROCKVILLE 2

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-Inter
NEWINGTON 7, LEWIS MILLS 0
EAST HARTFORD 7, BLOOMFIELD 0
WETHERFIELD 5, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 2
BRISTOL CENTRAL 7, WINDSOR 0
Shoreline
OLD LYME 7, OLD SAYBROOK 0
CROMWELL 4, VALLEY REGIONAL 3
SCC
SHA 7, LYMAN HALL 0
WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-North: Rocky Hill at Newington; Bloomfield co-op at Hartford Public/HMTCA; Wethersfield at New Britain, 7p.m.
CCC-South: Bristol Central at Lewis